"PREPARE FOR BATTLE..."
BUT HE DID SAY...
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THE RADAR LINK IN THE SURROUNDING AREA WAS MOMENTARILY CUT, HOW-EVER...
A POWERFUL LARGE SCALE ES WAVE! THE ORIGIN IS THE L5 AREA!
WHAT HAPPENED!? STATUS REPORT!
IT HAS BEEN RESTORED!
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A SIGNAL OF PLANETARY SCALE SUDDENLY...!!
I-IT'S NOT THAT!
THE ENEMY CONTACT ALARM!? WHICH FORCE AND WHAT TYPE OF UNITS!?
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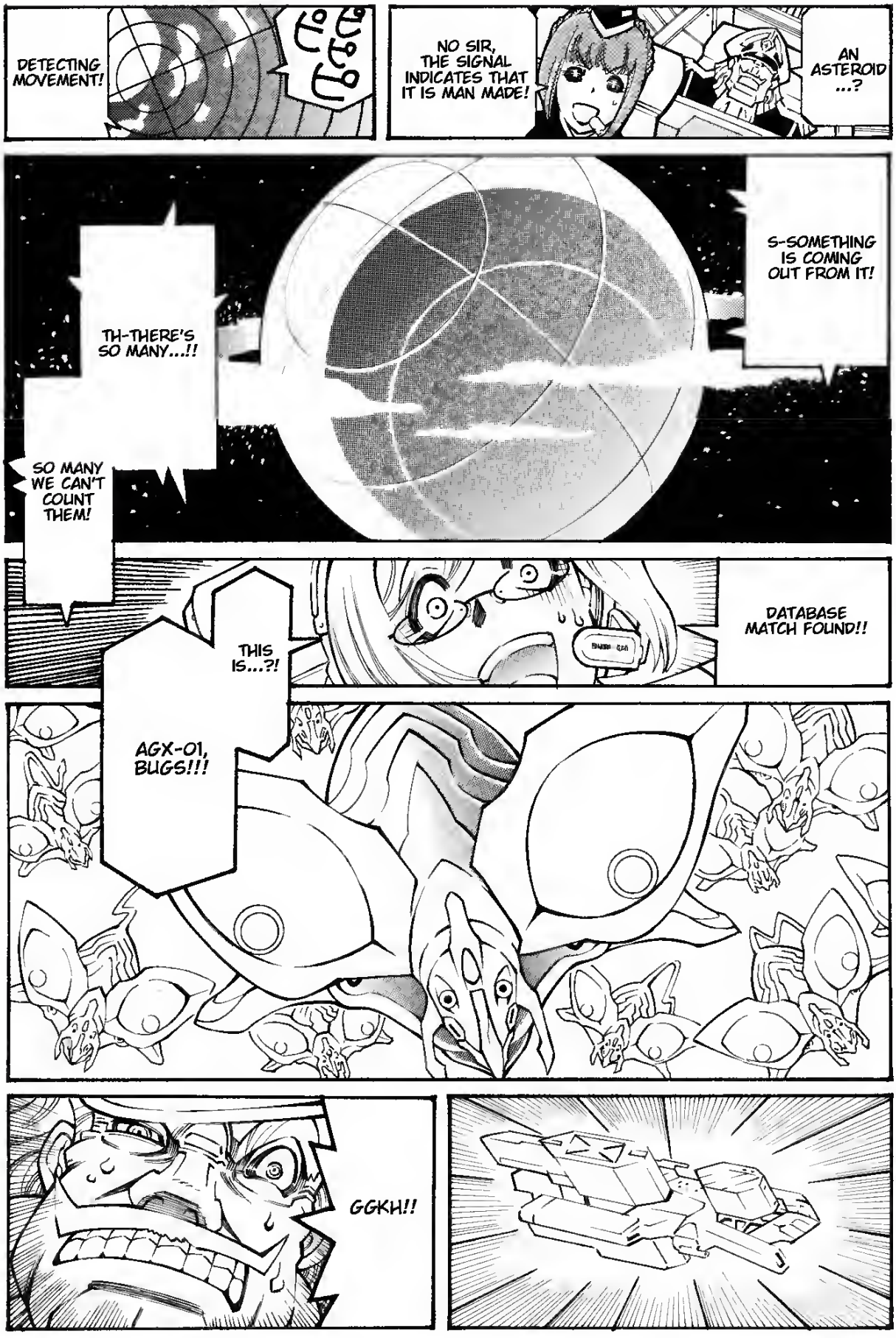
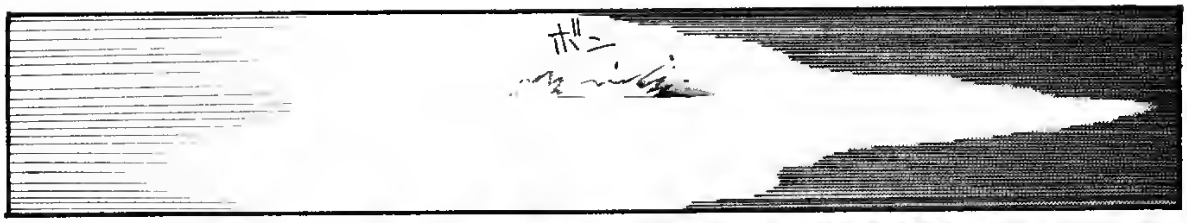

DETECTING MOVEMENT!
NO SIR, THE SIGNAL INDICATES THAT IT IS MAN MADE!
AN ASTEROID ...?
S-SOMETHING IS COMING OUT FROM IT!
TH-THERE'S SO MANY...!!
SO MANY WE CAN'T COUNT THEM!
DATABASE MATCH FOUND!!
THIS IS...?!
AGX-01, BUGS!!!
GGKH!!



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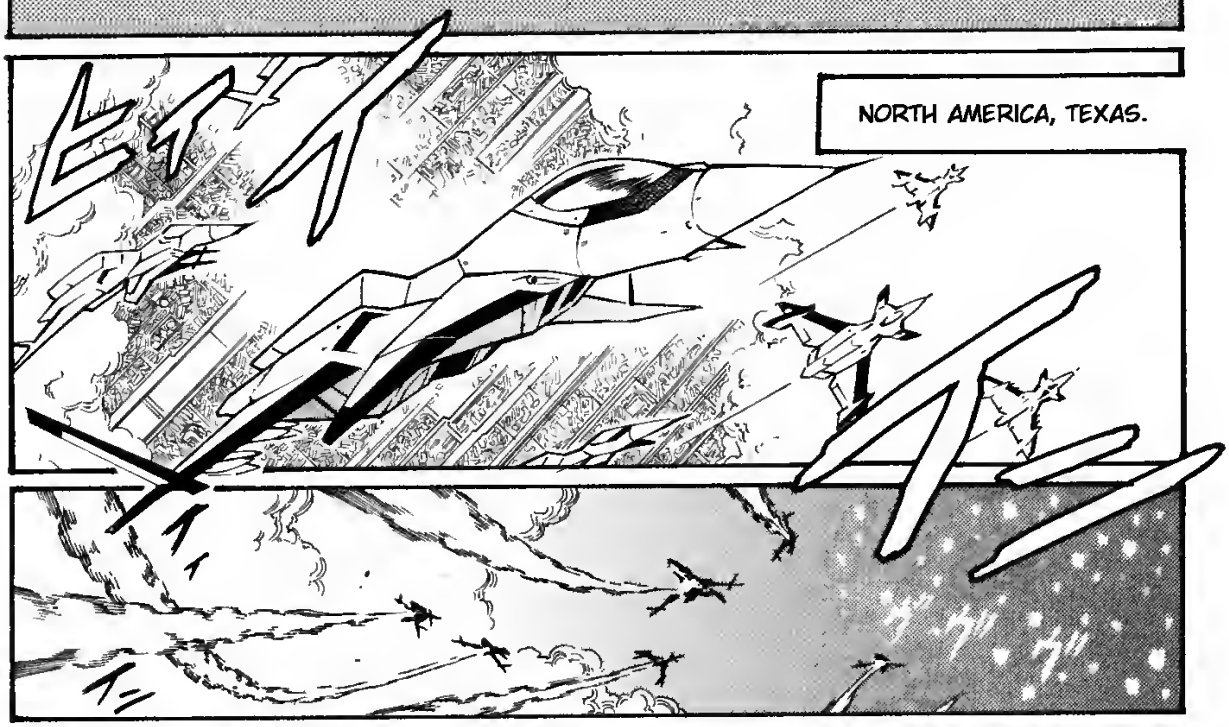

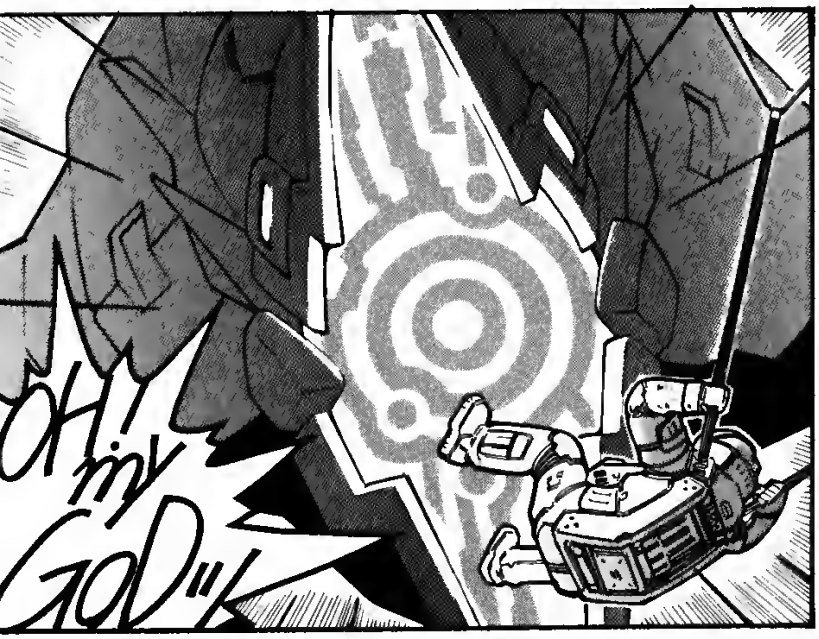

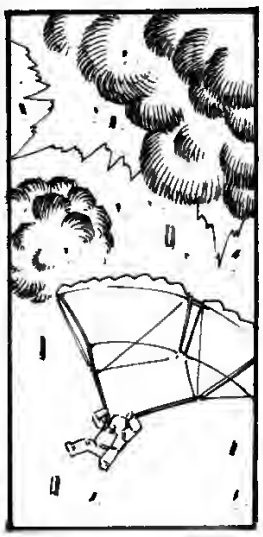

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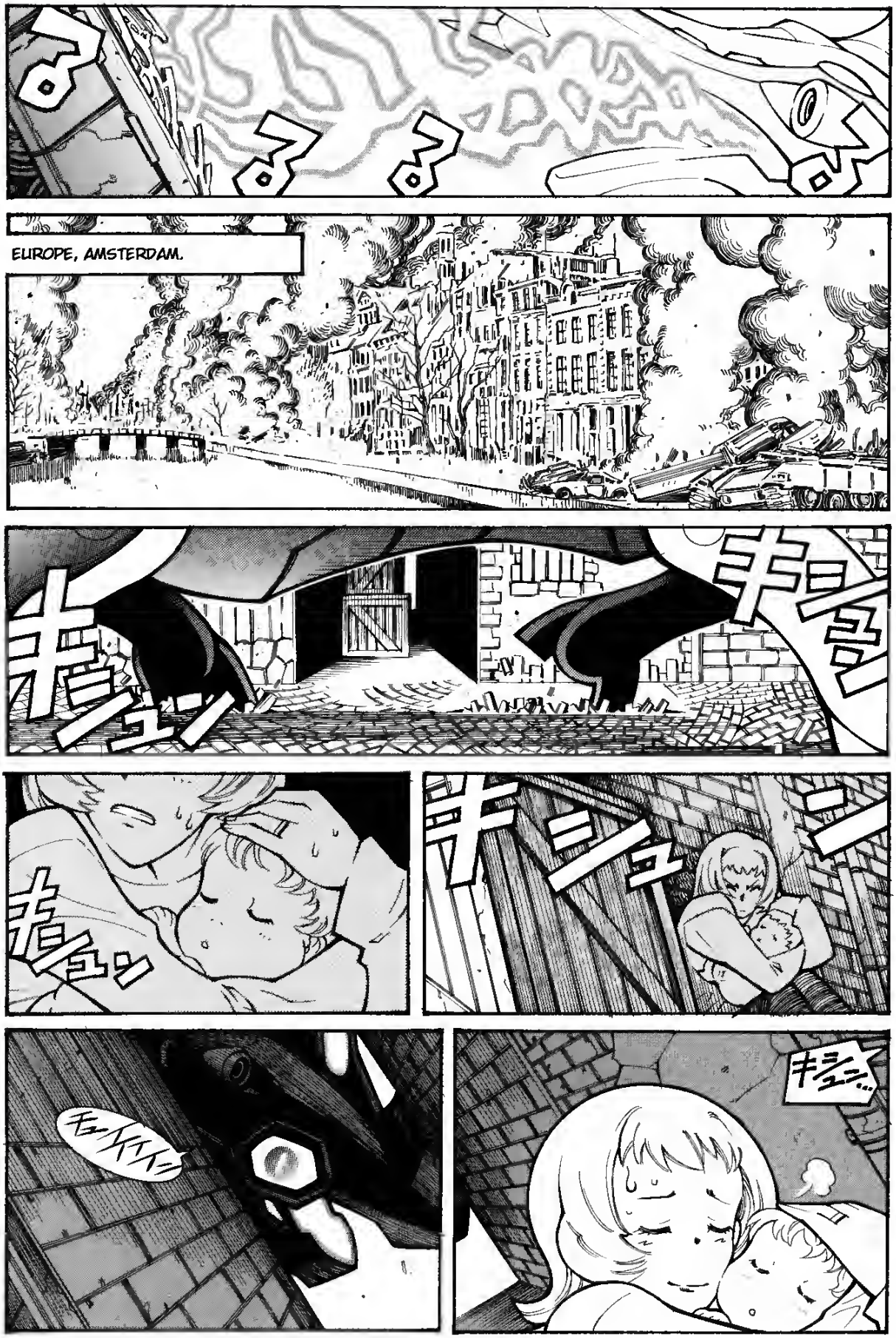
RUN!!
HURRY!
GET TO A SHELTER!


EUROPE, AMSTERDAM.

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ASIA, BAY OF BENGAL.
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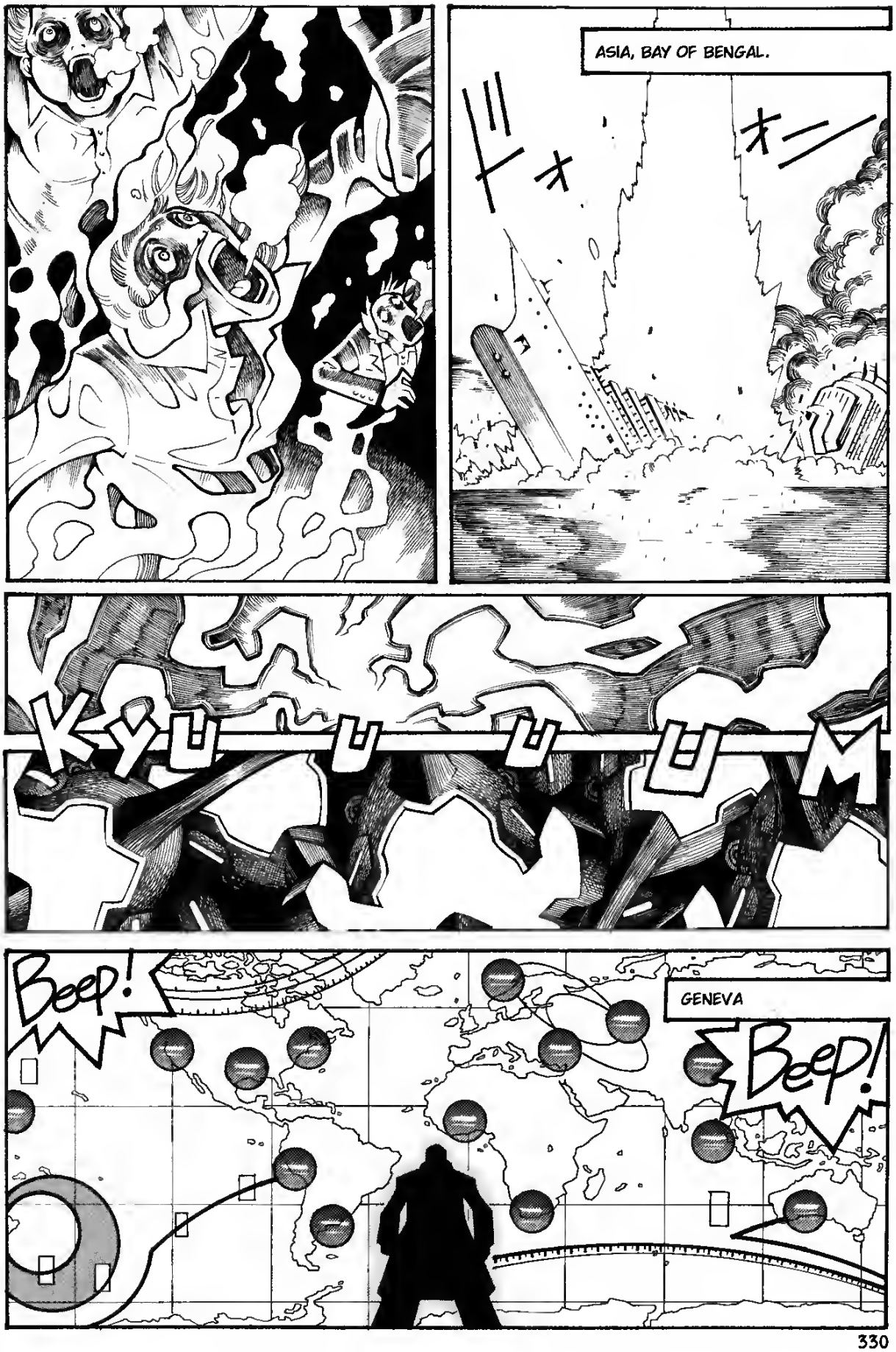
Beep!
GENEVA.
Beep!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Beep!
GENEVA
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IMPOSSIBLE... IT'S NOT LIKE WE TOOK DR. BIAN'S WARNING LIGHTLY...
AND JUST SAT TWIDDLING OUR THUMBS...
HOW CAN IT BE THIS OVER-WHELMING!?
THESE WAVES OF ATTACKS THE BUGS CAN PULL OFF DUE TO THEIR SPACIAL TRANSFER ABILITY....
RIGHT NOW, THE FEDERATION HAS NO WAY OF DEALING WITH THEM...
AND...
THE ENEMY IS WITHOUT A DOUBT STAYING AWAY FROM OUR MILITARY BASES...
THEY REFUSE TO TRY TO BRING DOWN OUR FORCES...
WHY!?
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THE HAGANE IS CURRENTLY HEADING FOR THE NORTH EASTERN HEIBEI DISTRICT IN CHINA.
WE ARE TO INTERCEPT THE ENEMY ATTACKING THE CITY.
FURTHER MORE...
STARTING THIS OPERATION, THE SRX TEAM WILL HAVE A NEW ASSIGNMENT.
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AYA...

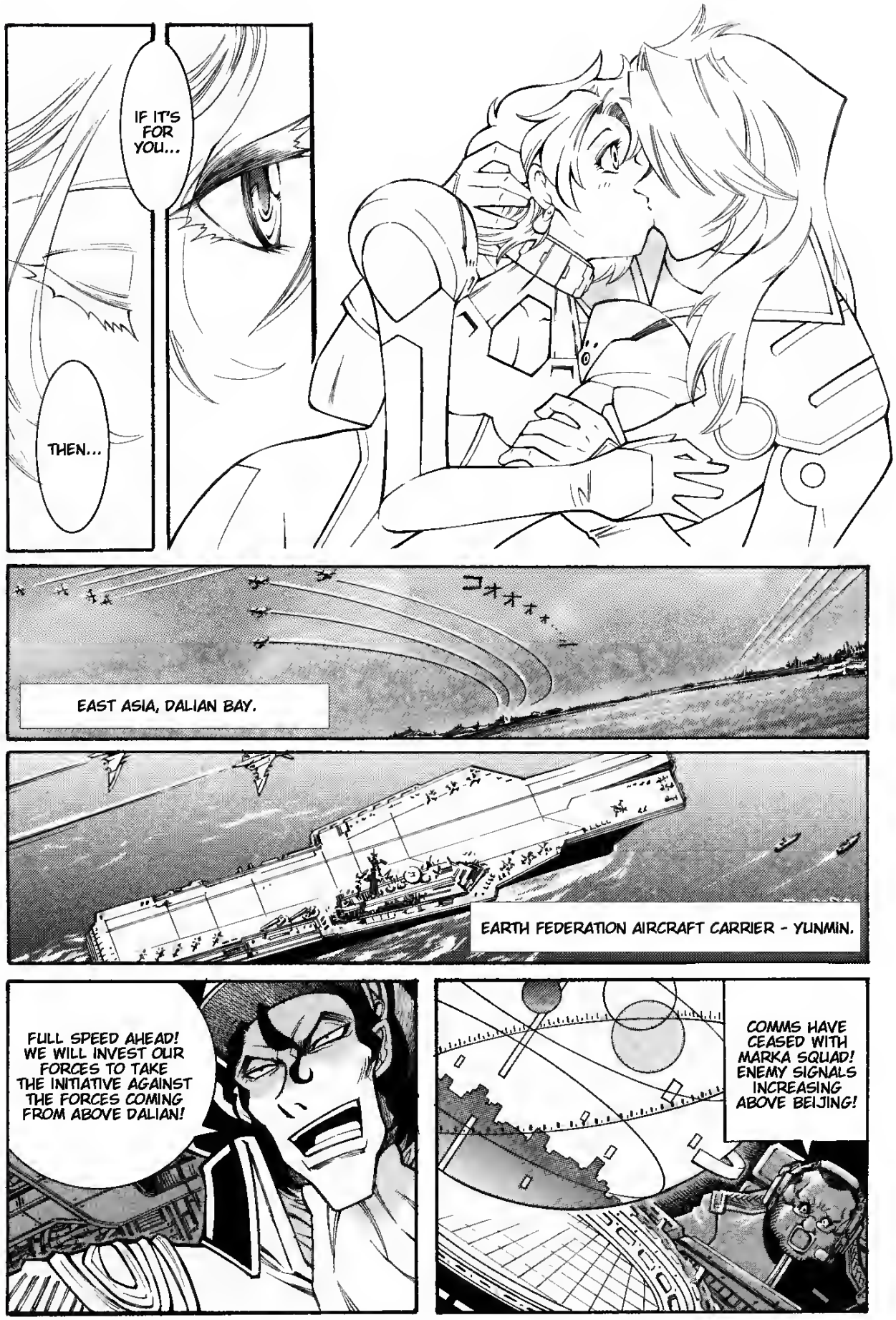
I'LL MAKE IT HAPPEN, MAJOR!
OF COURSE! IF I DON'T DO IT KNOW THEN THERE'S NO POINT, RIGHT!?
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR TRIAL RUNS... EVERYTHING HAS BEEN PREPARED...
CAN YOU DO IT, RYUSEI?

WE WILL IMPLEMENT PATTERN OOG.
NOW THAT THE PLUS PARTS FOR THE R-2 AND R-3 HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED...

BUTWE HAVE ONLY DONE IT IN THE SIMULATOR, BUT NEVER WITH THE ACTUAL UNITS...
IF THE SITUATION CALLS FOR IT, WE MAY USE IT DURING THIS OPERATION.

THE R-3 AND R-GUN ARE FINISHED!?
YES. FROM NOW ON I'LL LAUNCH IN THE R-3 POWERED.

I'VE MADE IT SO ONLY THE R-3 CAN INPUT THE EMERGENCY CANCELATION OF PATTERN OOC...
IN A WORST CASE SCENARION, USE IT...
YOU ARE INVALUABLE TO THE SRX PROJECT...
I'M SURE IT WILL BE ALRIGHT... AFTER ALL, RYUSEI AND RAI WERE BOTH HANDPICKED BY YOU, MAJOR...
WE WILL DEFINITELY SUCCEED!


IF IT'S FOR YOU...
THEN...
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EAST ASIA, DALIAN BAY.
EARTH FEDERATION AIRCRAFT CARRIER - YUNMIN.
FULL SPEED AHEAD! WE WILL INVEST OUR FORCES TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AGAINST THE FORCES COMING FROM ABOVE DALIAN!
COMMS HAVE CEASED WITH MARKA SQUAD! ENEMY SIGNALS INCREASING ABOVE BEIJING!

THEY ARE PRIORITIZING THE CITY RIGHT NOW! WE SHOULD INTERCEPT THEM FROM HERE AND-..!
WAIT, CAPTAIN! IF WE GET ANY CLOSER THERE IS A RISK THE SHIP WILL BECOME A TARGET!
THE SHIP WILL ADVANCE AND TAKE OVER FOR THE CUT OFF COMM LINES!
WHAT KIND OF SOLDIER WOULD TURN A BLIND EYE TO CIVILIAN CASUALTIES!?
YOU BASTARD!
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YOU'RE LATE!
INCOMING MESSAGE FROM FAR EASTBRANCH, IZU BASE!! THE HAGANE IS ON ITS WAY!
OPEN A CHANNEL TO DALIAN HQ!!
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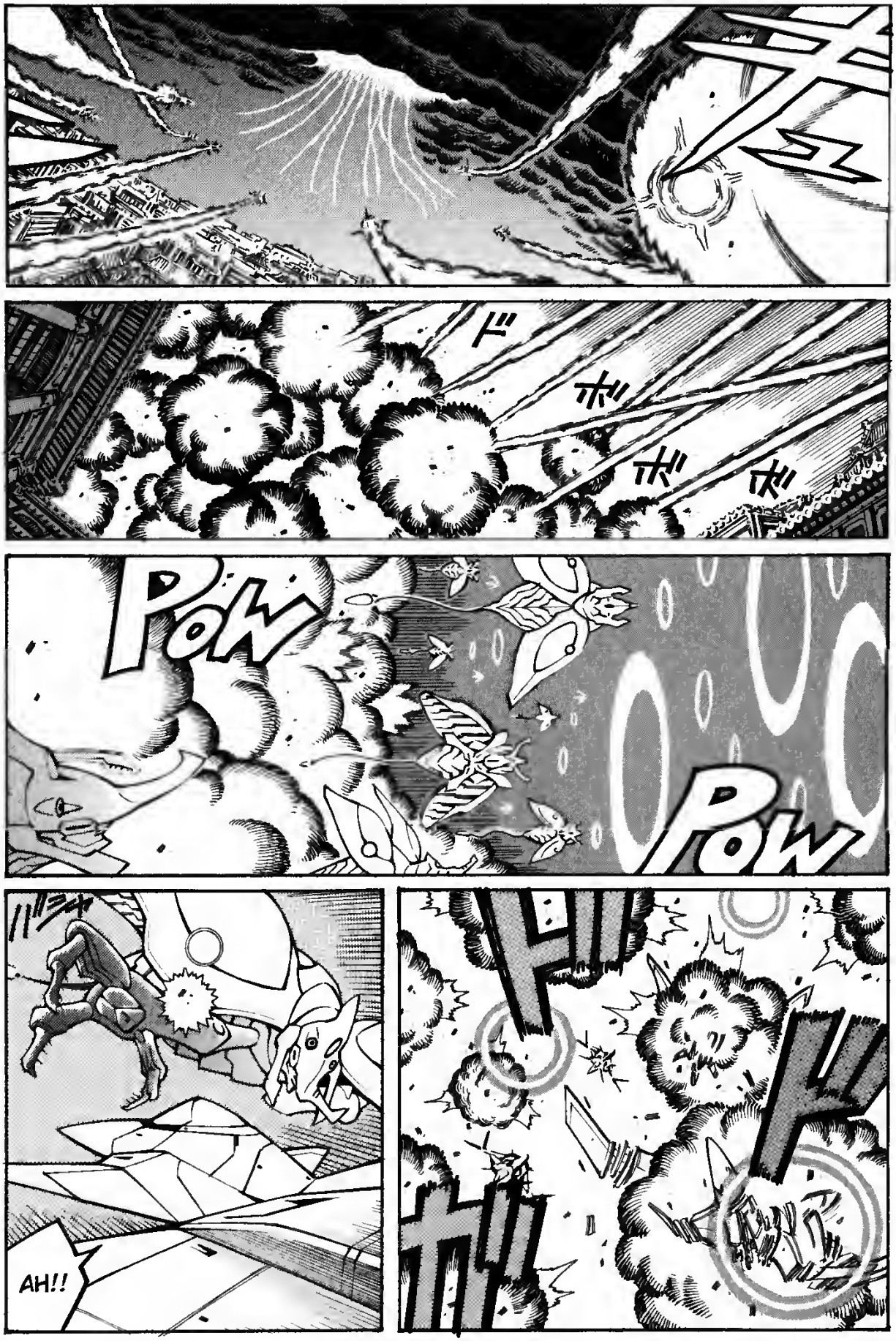
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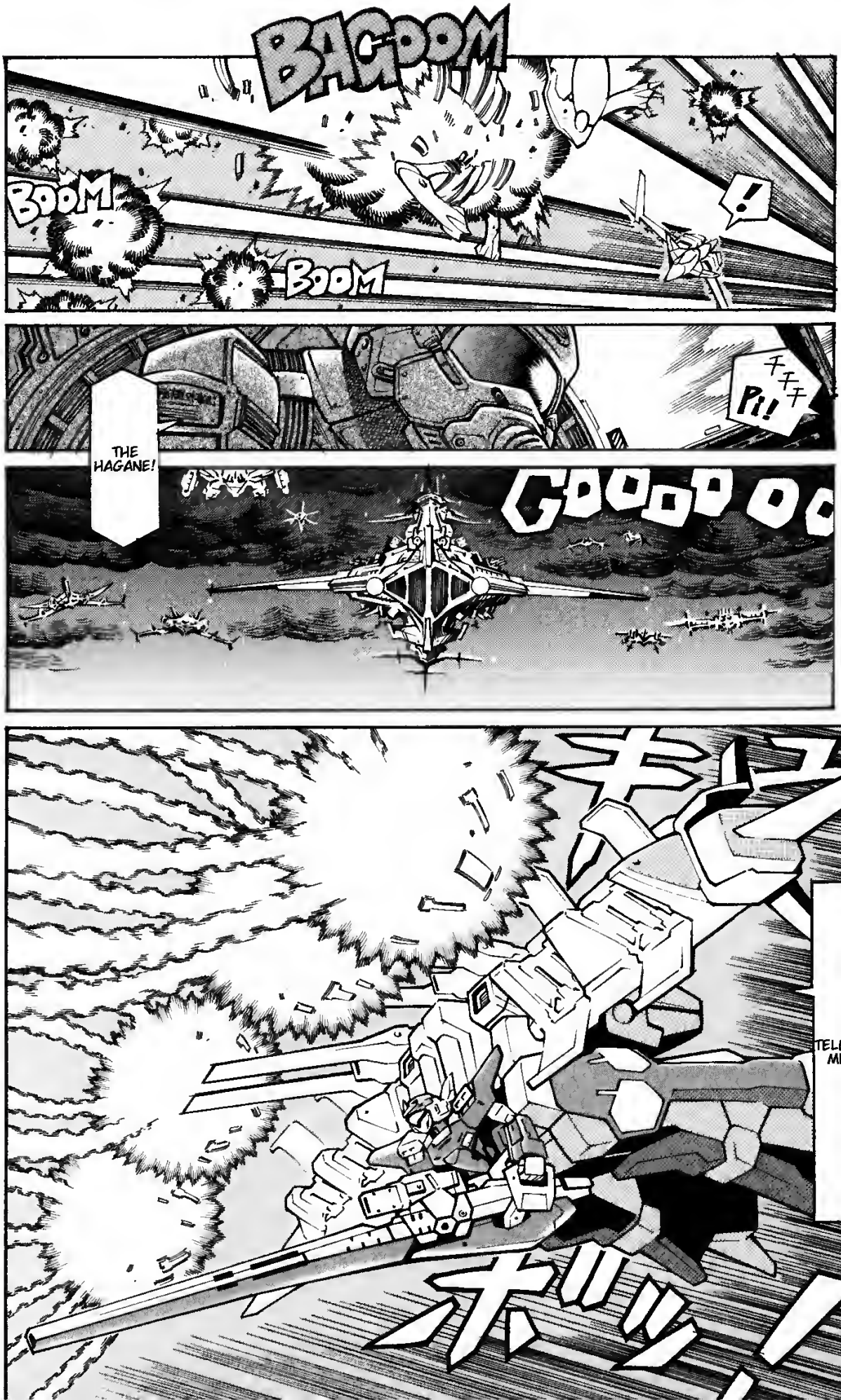
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THE HAGANE!
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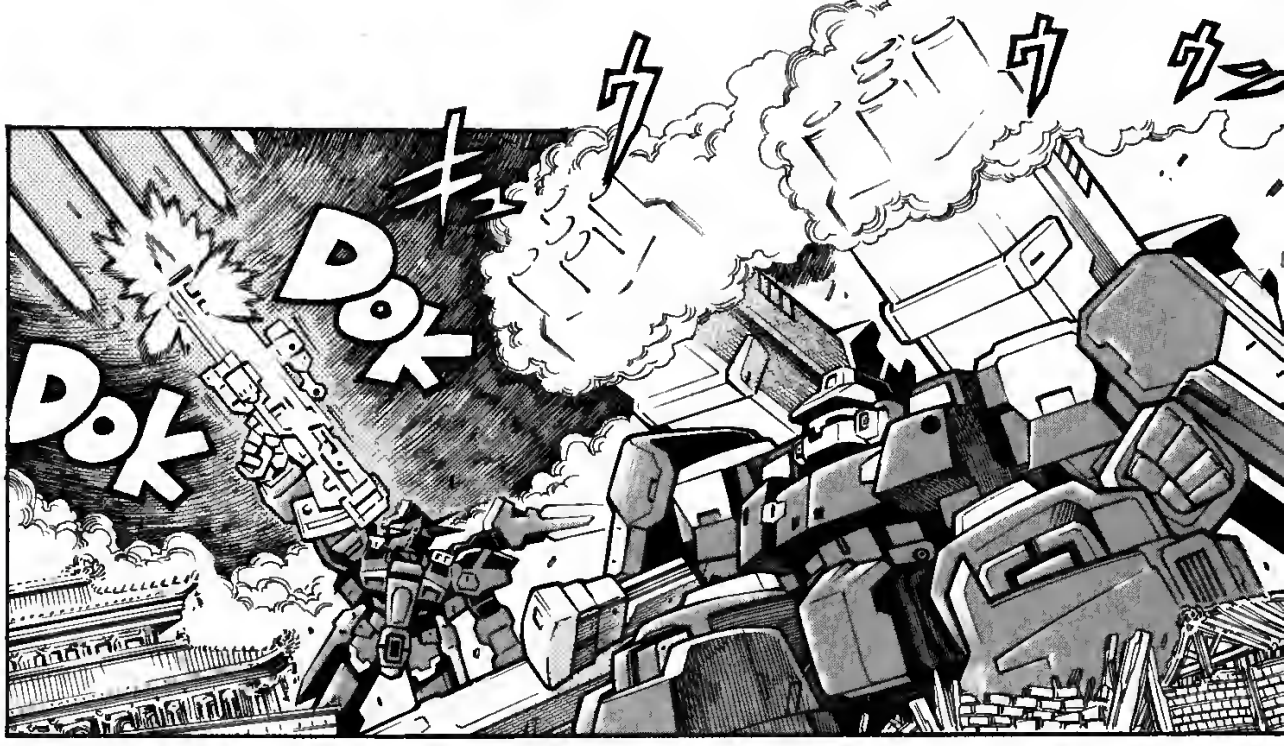
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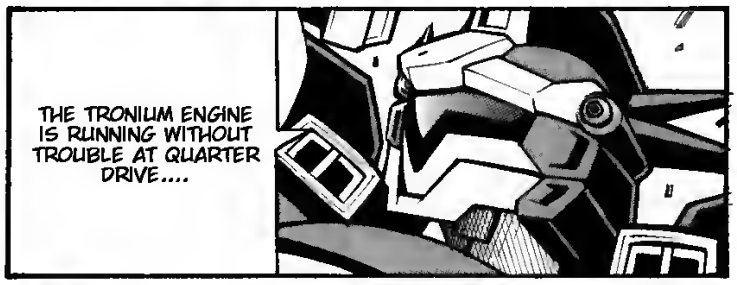
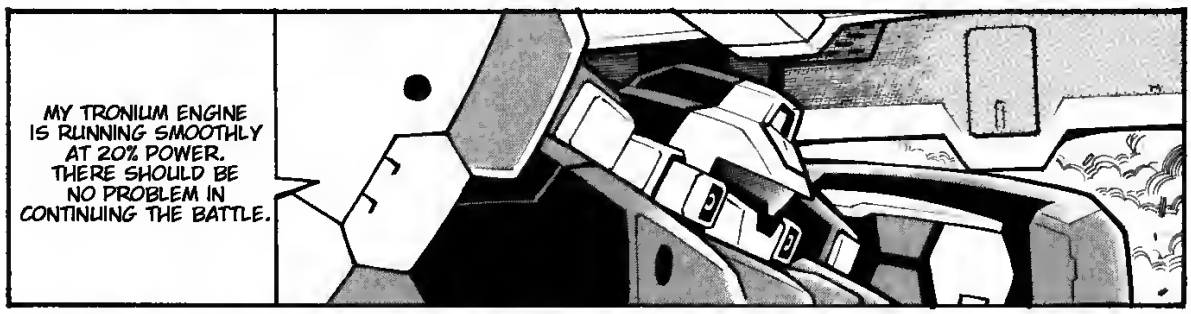
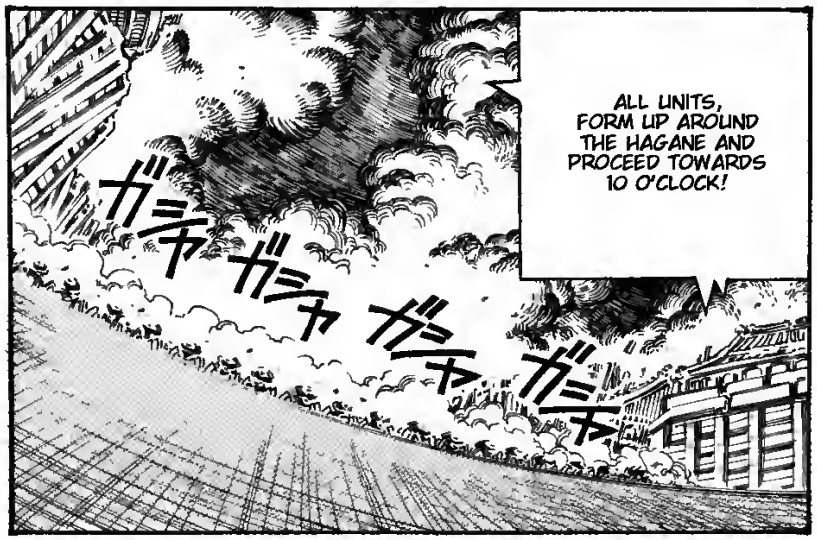
RAI, WHAT ABOUT YOU?


THE TRONIUM ENGINE IS RUNNING WITHOUT TROUBLE AT QUARTER DRIVE....


MY TRONIUM ENGINE IS RUNNING SMOOTHLY AT 20% POWER. THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN CONTINUING THE BATTLE.


ALL UNITS, FORM UP AROUND THE HAGANE AND PROCEED TOWARDS 10 O'CLOCK!
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ATX TEAM!
TAKE THE LEAD AND MAKE A PATH!
ROOOOOGER!

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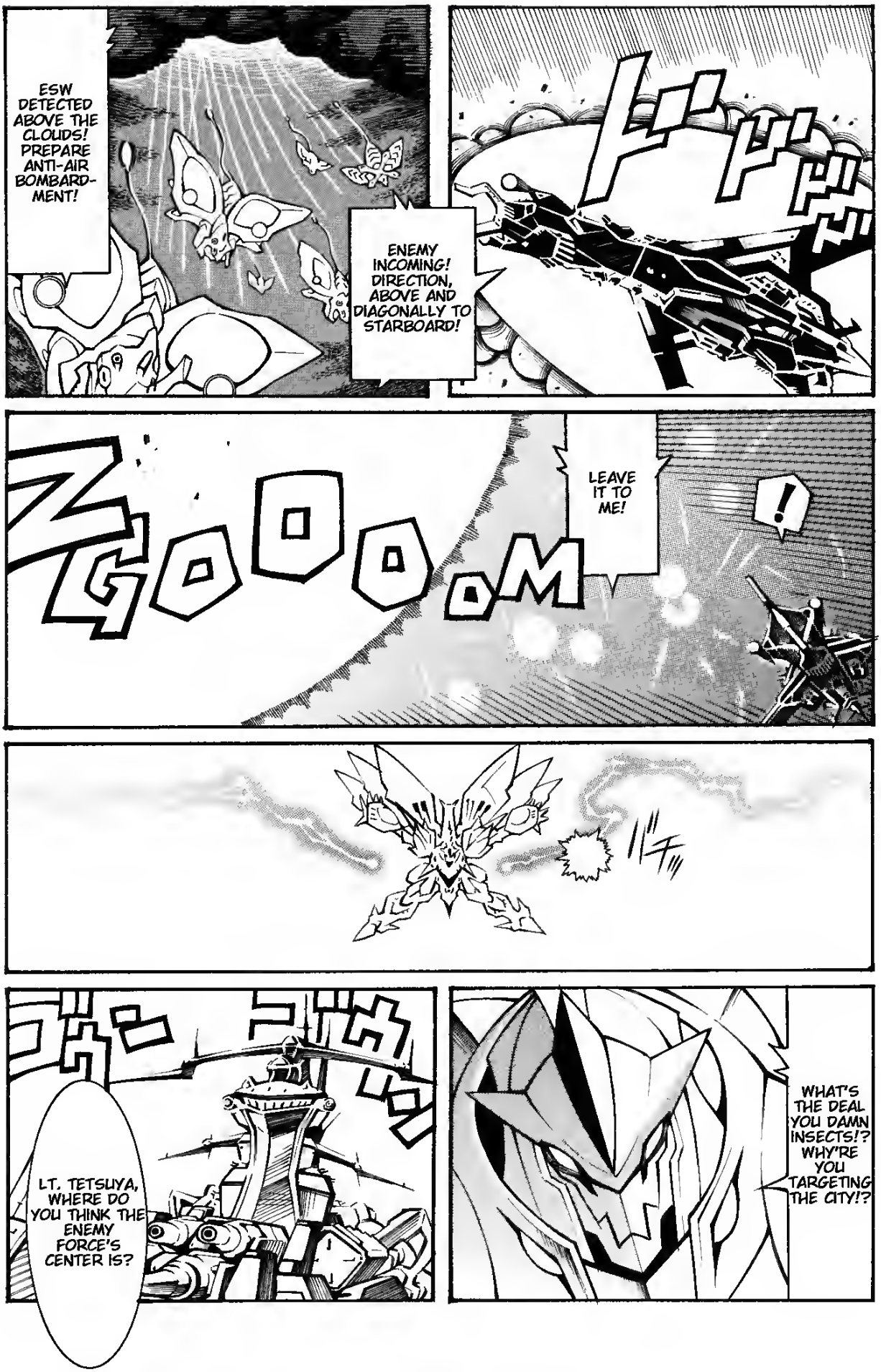
OCTO SQUAD!
GUARD THE HAGANE'S REAR FROM ANY INCOMING ENEMIES!
KUSUHA, YOU FOLLOW THE ATX TEAM AND GUARD THEIR BACK! I'LL CIRCLE AROUND TO THE RIGHT!
UNDERSTOOD, LT. IRM!
VIMI!
EYE SOLID LASER!


ESW DETECTED ABOVE THE CLOUDS! PREPARE ANTI-AIR BOMBARD-MENT!
ENEMY INCOMING! DIRECTION, ABOVE AND DIAGONALLY TO STARBOARD!
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LEAVE IT TO ME!
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LT. TETSUYA, WHERE DO YOU THINK THE ENEMY FORCE'S CENTER IS?
WHAT'S THE DEAL YOU DAMN INSECTS!? WHY'RE YOU TARGETING THE CITY!?

ENEMY SIGNALS HAVE APPEARED TOGETHER WITH THE ES WAVE GRAVITY QUAKES ABOVE BEJING AT A HIGHT OF 800 AND A RADIUS OF 5000...
I DO NOT THINK IT'S IN THIS BATTLE ZONE...
IF THEIR SPACIAL TRANSFER TECHNOLOGY IS THAT ADVANCED THERE IS NOT REASON FOR THEM TO PLACE THEIR CENTER OF ACTIVITY IN THE MIDDLE OF A BATTLE ZONE...
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IT'S EVEN POSSIBLE THEY ARE SENDING THEM FROM THE INVADERS' FAR OFF HOME PLANET...
THEY MAY BE SENDING FORCES FROM THE MAN MADE PLANETOID THAT APPEARED IN THE LS AREA THAT HQ TOLD US ABOUT...
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ROGER! MAXIMUM ELEVATION! ALL BATTERIES PREPARE TO FIRE!
THIS IS BAD!! RAISE THE ELEVATION TO MAXIMUM! POINT THE SHIPS BOW AT THE SIGNAL'S POINT OF APPEARANCE!
UPPER LEVEL ES WAVE DETECTED! A SIGNAL WITH LARGE MASS FOUND!
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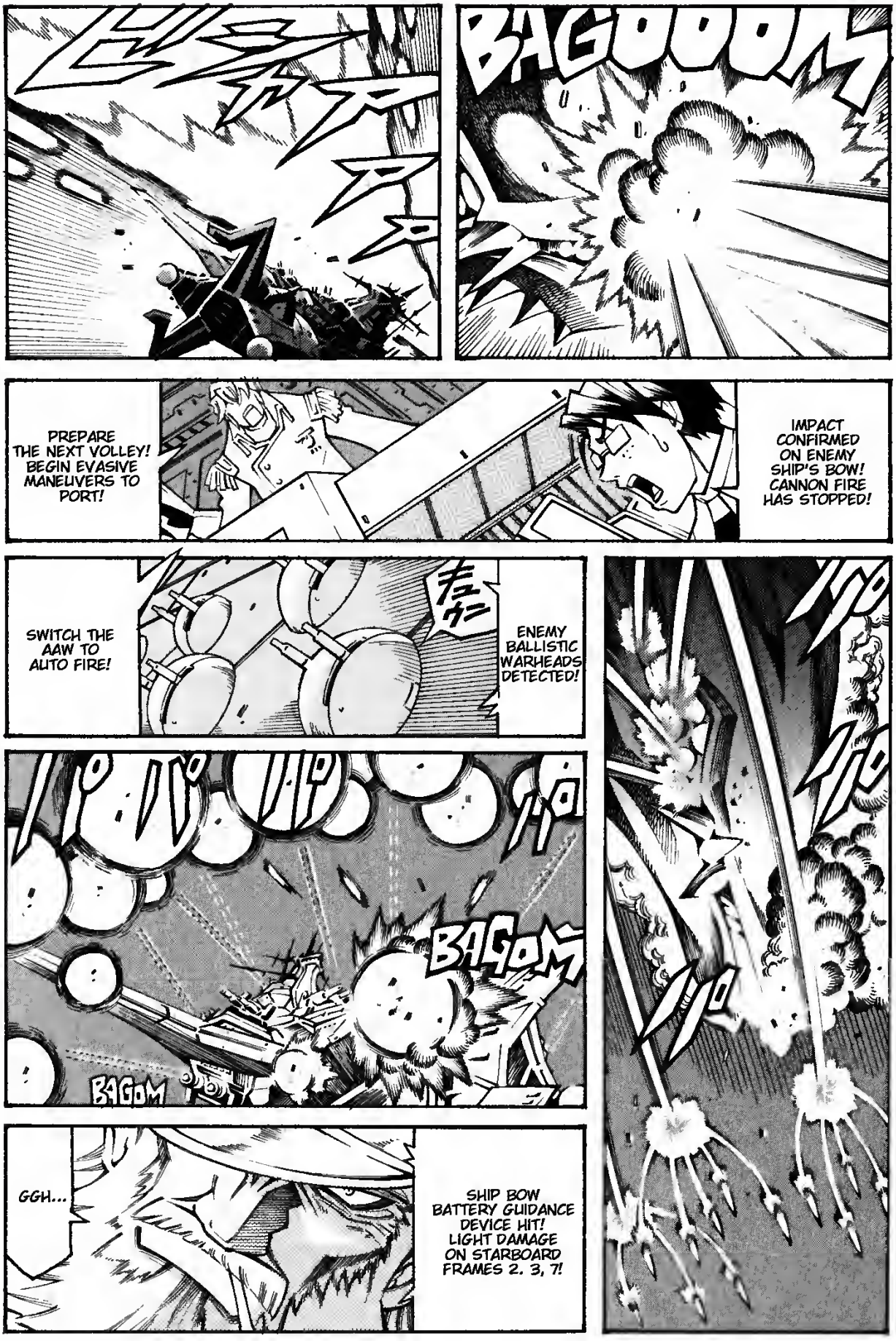
ALL MAIN BATTERIES AIMED AND READY, CAPTAIN!
LT. TETSUYA!
HIGH ENERGY READINGS FROM LARGE SCALE ENEMY ORGANIC SHIP'S BOW! SEEKER WAVE DETECTED! IT IS PREPARING TO FIRE!
GOOD! ALL BATTERIES OPEN FIRE!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PREPARE THE NEXT VOLLEY! BEGIN EVASIVE MANEUVERS TO PORT!
IMPACT CONFIRMED ON ENEMY SHIP'S BOW! CANNON FIRE HAS STOPPED!
SWITCH THE AAW TO AUTO FIRE!
ENEMY BALLISTIC WARHEADS DETECTED!
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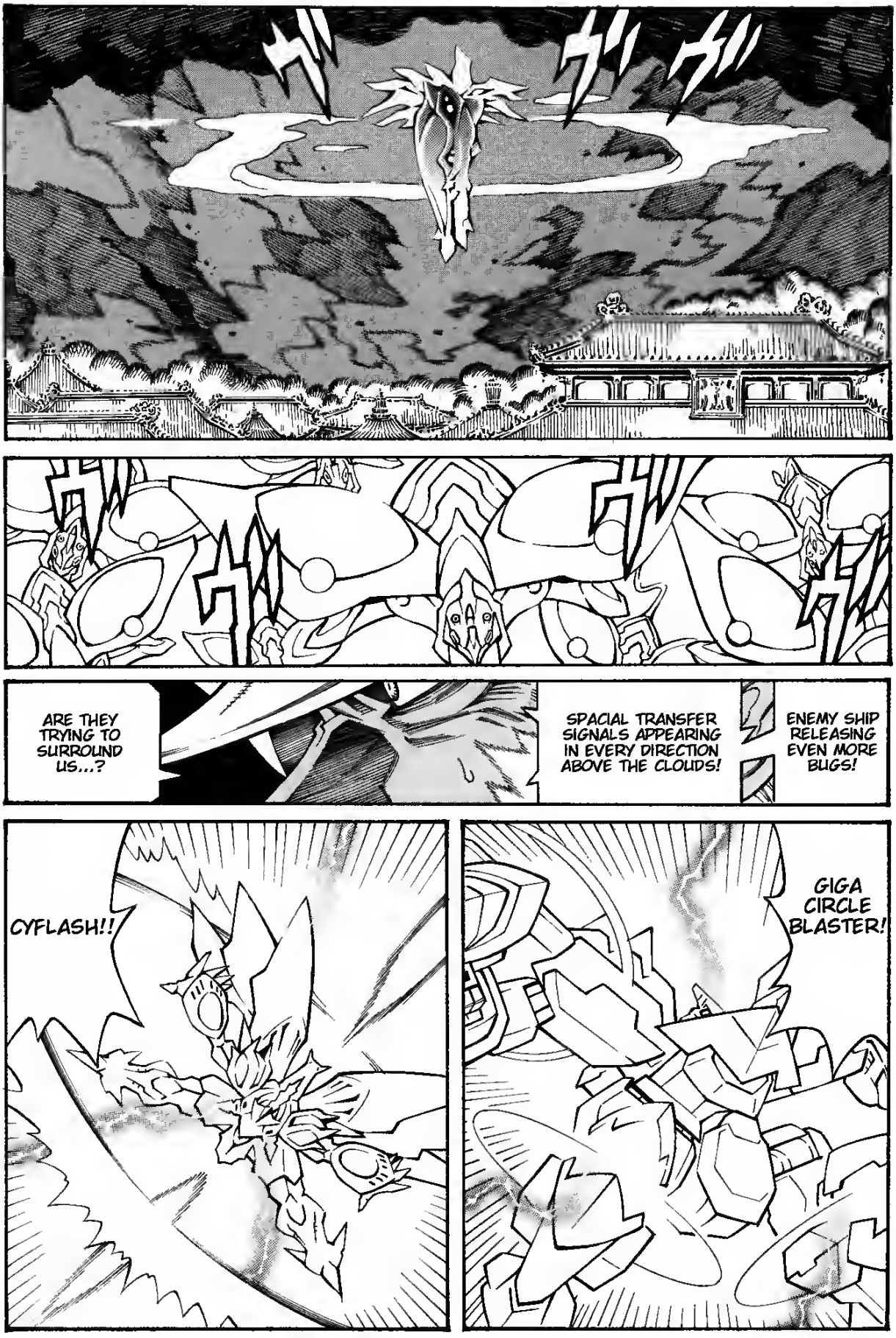
SHIP BOW BATTERY GUIDANCE DEVICE HIT! LIGHT DAMAGE ON STARBOARD FRAMES 2. 3, 7!


ARE THEY TRYING TO SURROUND US...?
SPACIAL TRANSFER SIGNALS APPEARING IN EVERY DIRECTION ABOVE THE CLOUDS!
ENEMY SHIP RELEASING EVEN MORE BUGS!
CYFLASH!!
GIGA CIRCLE BLASTER!

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YOU CAN'T! YOUR BODY CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE OF THIS!!
ONE MORE TIME!
THIS IS BAD! I'M RUNNING OUT OF ENERGY HERE!
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EH!? THESE GUYS HAVE GOT BARRIER FIELDS!?
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PAKAM

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AAAH!
WHA-...!?
W-WHAT ARE THEY DOING!?
RYOTO!?
ARE YOU OK, RIO!?

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I'M REMOVING THE PROTECTION ON PATTERN OOC.
SRX TEAM, FORM UP.
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...ROGER.
ALRIGHT!!
IT'S BECAUSE THE SITUATION IS THE WAY IT IS THAT WE'RE DOING IT. RIGHT NOW WE CAN NEITHER ATTACK NOR RETREAT...
IF WE FAIL WE WON'T BE ABLE TO REGROUP!
WAIT A MINUTE, MAJOR! IT'S TOO RISKY IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS!
SHOW ME YOU CAN CONTROL IT.
IT'S FOR TIMES LIKE THIS THAT I HAD YOU PILOT THE R-2.
BUT...
THE PLAN IS TO BREAK THE ENEMY FORMATION WITH A SINGLE POWERFUL STRIKE.

STEEL 2, THIS IS R-GUN.
THE SRX TEAM WILL NOW PERFORM PATTERN OOC AND TAKE OUT ENEMY BATTLESHIP #1.
I SUGGEST STEEL 2 AND THE FLIGHT CAPABLE SPECIAL UNITS FOLLOW THIS UP WITH CONCENTRATED CANNON FIRE.
VERY WELL, I WILL ALLOW THE RELEASE OF THE PROTECTION ON PATTERN OOC.
LISTEN RYUSEI. THE TARGET IS THE ENEMY BATTLESHIP ONLY. IGNORE EVERYTHING ELSE.
ROGER THAT!
I WILL TAKE THE LEAD AND ACT AS A SHIELD. YOU THREE CONCENTRATE ON HOLDING FORMATION.
LET'S GO!
S.R.X PATTERN OOC.
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PROTECT
PATTERN
ONLY ONE CRASH
PROTECT RELEASE
RELEASE
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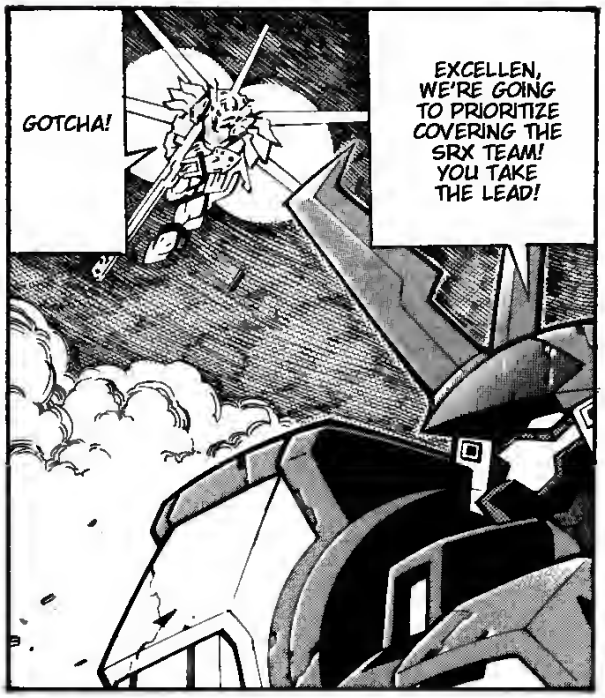
TELEKINESIS FIELD, PASSIVE CONFIR-MATION!
TRONIUM ENGINE FULL DRIVE!
TELE-KINESIS FIELD ON!
T-LINK FULL CONTACT!
VARIABLE FORMATION!!!
LET'S DO THIS!

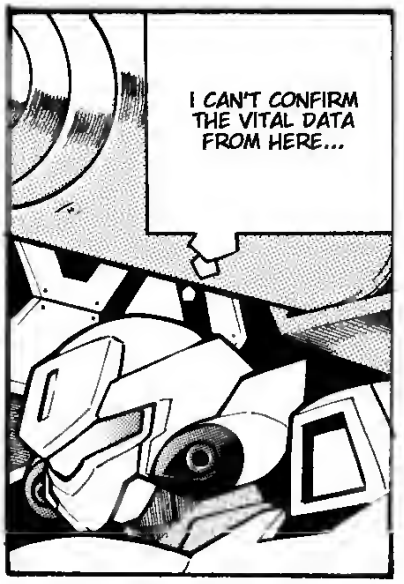
PULL...
TELE-
KINETIC...
COMBINE!

WHAT!?
WH-!?


GOTCHA!
EXCELLEN, WE'RE GOING TO PRIORITIZE COVERING THE SRX TEAM! YOU TAKE THE LEAD!

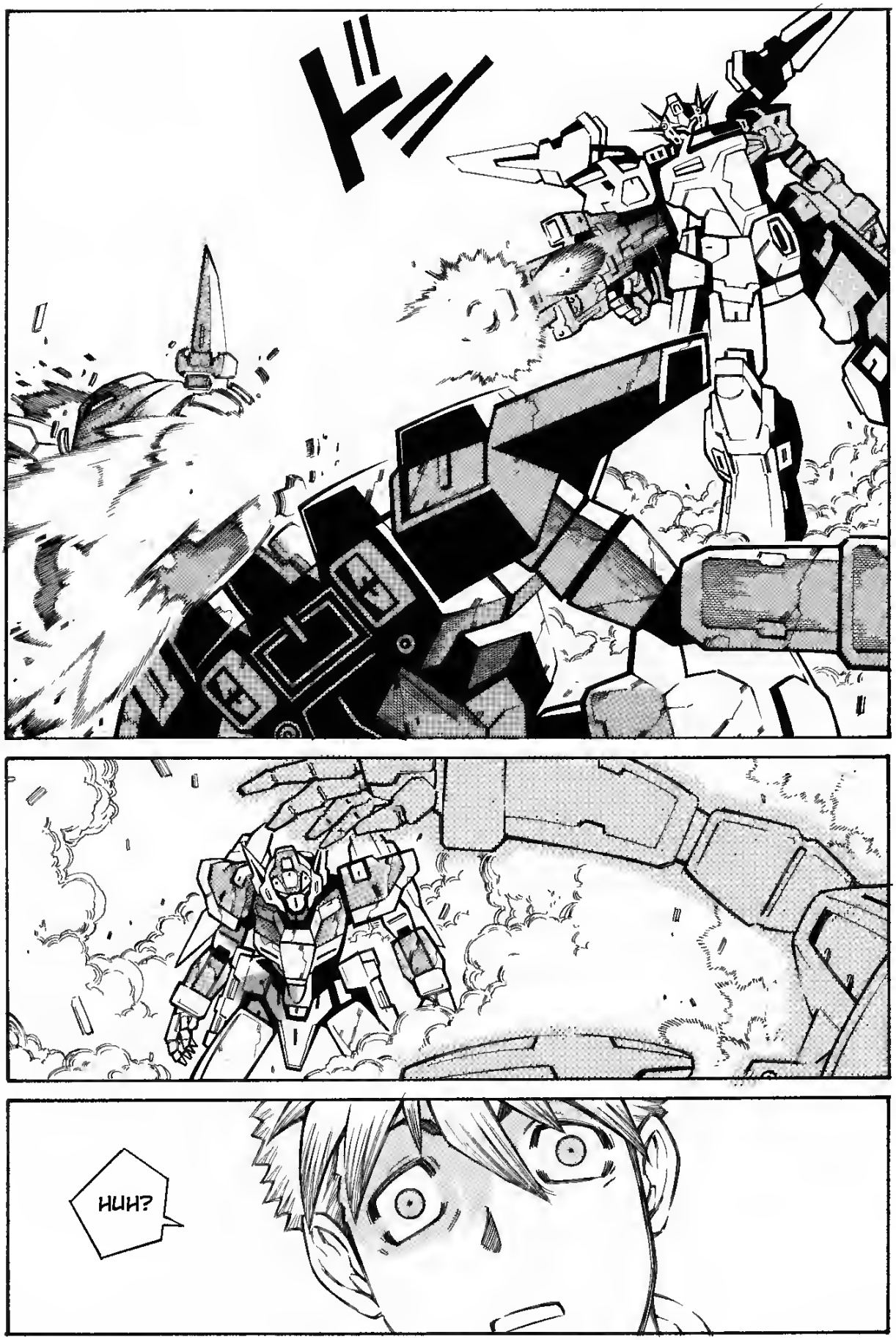
DID YOU GUYS FAIL, RYUSEI...?
!?

AYA CAN'T MAINTAIN THE TELE-KINECTIC FIELD BY HERSELF...
BUT AS I THOUGHT, THE STRESS PLACED ON THE R-3 FROM THE T-LINK SYSTEM IS TOO GREAT...


I CAN'T CONFIRM THE VITAL DATA FROM HERE...

KAH!!
RE START
MAJOR, I'M SORRY... HOW ARE RAI AND RYUSEI...
ARE YOU CONSCIOUS, AYA...?
"COUGH"
GAH!
"COUGH"

THE R-3 IS UNHARMED. WE WILL TRY ONCE MORE AND...
THEY'RE HEADING OVER HERE ON THEIR OWN, SO COMPARED TO YOU THEY'RE FINE.
I'M FINE... I CAN STILL GO ON...
I'M...
NO, WE WON'T. DON'T MOVE, AYA.
I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE...
IS WHAT I'M SAYING...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SO YOU'RE HERE, R-1, R-2...
MAJOR INGRAM, JUST WHAT..?
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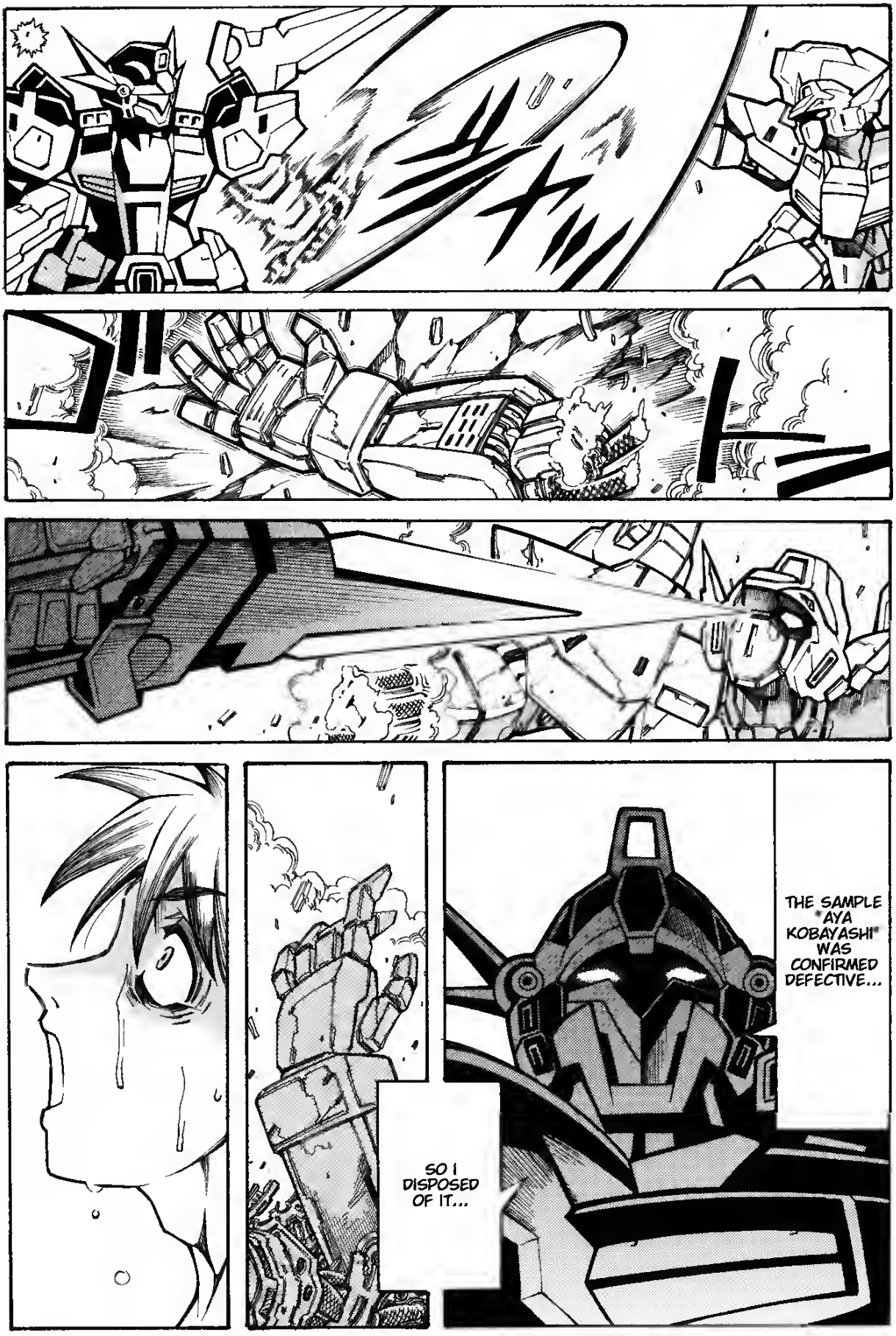
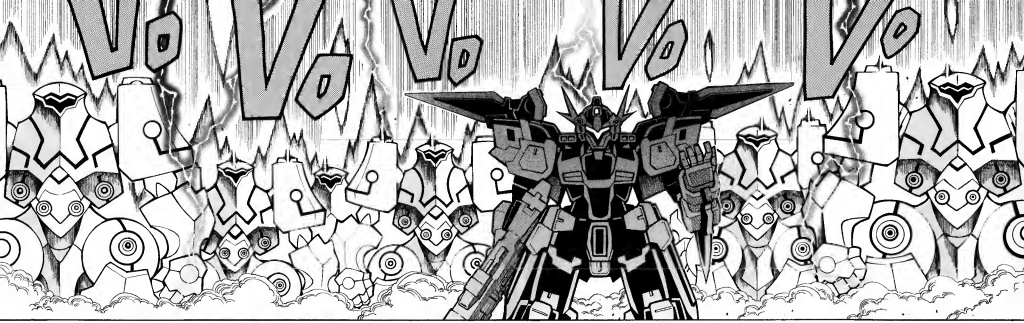

THE SAMPLE "AYA KOBAYASHI" WAS CONFIRMED DEFECTIVE...
SO I DISPOSED OF IT...

WHAT?
IT LOOKED LIKE THE R-GUN SHOT THE R-3...
MISFIRE?
I SAW IT FROM HERE...
HE DEFINITELY SHOT AFTER GETTING A LOCK ON...
THAT WAS ON PURPOSE ...
I'VE DONE WHAT I CAME HERE TO DO...
LET'S HAVE THINGS PROCEED TO THE NEXT LEVEL...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DO IT.
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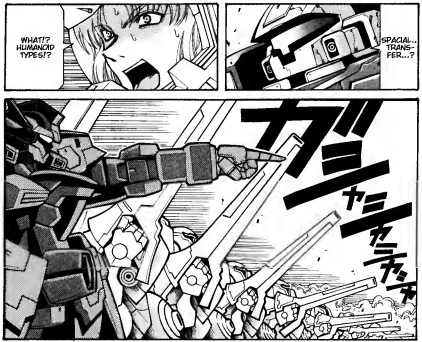
WHAT!? HUMANOID TYPE-6!?
SPACIAL... TRANS-FER...?
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GOT YOU.

HE COULD STILL DODGE THAT PERFECTLY TIMED ATTACK...?
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ARE YOU ALRIGHT, RYUSEI!?
RYUSEI!
AND THAT EARTH'S TECHNOLOGY IS AT A DISAD-VANTAGE...
WE ALREADY KNEW FROM THE SOUTH POLE INCIDENT THAT THERE ARE HUMANOIDS CAPABLE OF COMMUNICATING WITH US AMONG THE ENEMY ALIENS...
INGRAM PRISKEN...!?
YOU TRYING TO SWITCH SIDES...

DID YOU TAKE TOO MUCH PAIN KILLERS?
YOUR INSIGHT IS LACKING, KYOUSUKE NANBU.
THERE'S A LOT OF INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE YET TO LEARN...
FOR EXAMPLE ...
THE FACT THAT I...
AM A SPY, SENT BY THE ALIENS...
TO INFILTRATE THE EARTH FORCES.

NO WAY...
!
WHY DID YOU GIVE ME... GIVE US GUIDANCE AND TELL US TO GET STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT EARTH...?
WAS ALL YOU TAUGHT US A LIE!?
THE MAJOR... IS AN ALIEN...
TH-THEN WHY...?
IT'S TRUE I WANTED TO DEVELOP YOU INTO WEAPONS WITH THAT MUCH POWER...
HOW-EVER...
NO, THAT WAS THE TRUTH.
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JUST LIKE AYA KOBAYASHI WAS...
I GUESS IT'S NATURAL THAT FAILURES ARE BOUND TO OCCUR WHEN DEALING WITH PROTOTYPE WEAPONRY...
AND JUST LIKE RAIDIESE F. BRANSTEIN IS...
MAJOR, YOU ARE...!?
AND WHIPED OUT THE WHOLE TECHNETIUM BASE ALONG WITH ITS STAFF... AND THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN FUELING YOU EVER SINCE...
YOU SCREWED UP THE HUCKEBEIN'S BLACK HOLE ENGINE STARTUP TRIAL...
I GUESS A NON-PSYCHODRIVER LIKE YOU WAS NEVER FIT TO SIT IN THE COCKPIT OF THE R-2...
DOK
GOD DAMNIT!!!

BUT I'VE STILL GOT HOPE FOR YOU, RYUSEI...
IT SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO FIND PSYCHODRIVER CANDIDATES AMONG THIS CREW...
SCRAP THE USLESS PARTS AND COLLECT NEW ONES...
THIS TIME I'LL TRAIN YOU AS AN ENEMY...
AND THEN COME AFTER ME!
TO MAKE YOU INTO AN EVEN HIGHER CLASS OF PSYCHODRIVE WEAPONRY...
SHUT THE HELL UP!!!

HEH...
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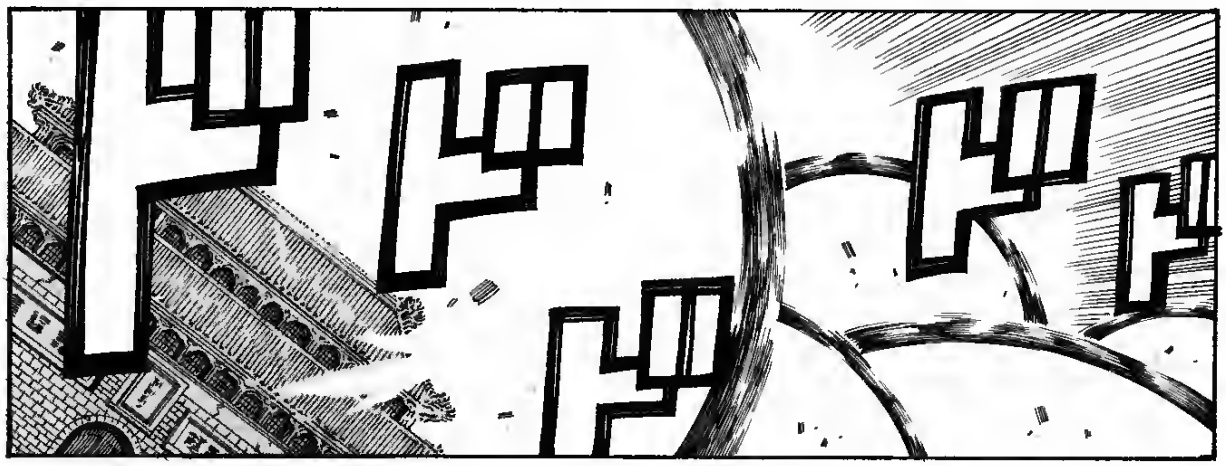
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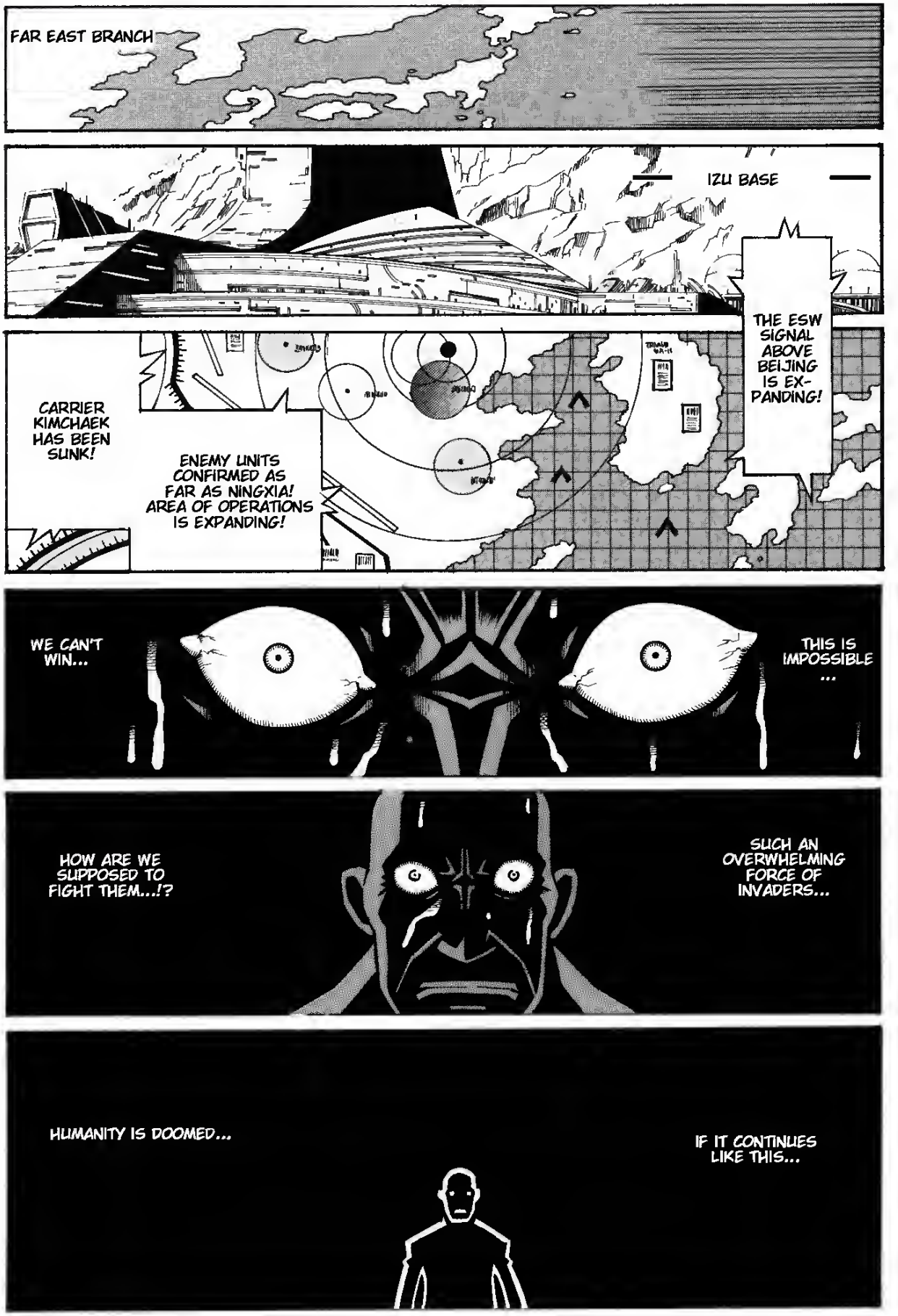
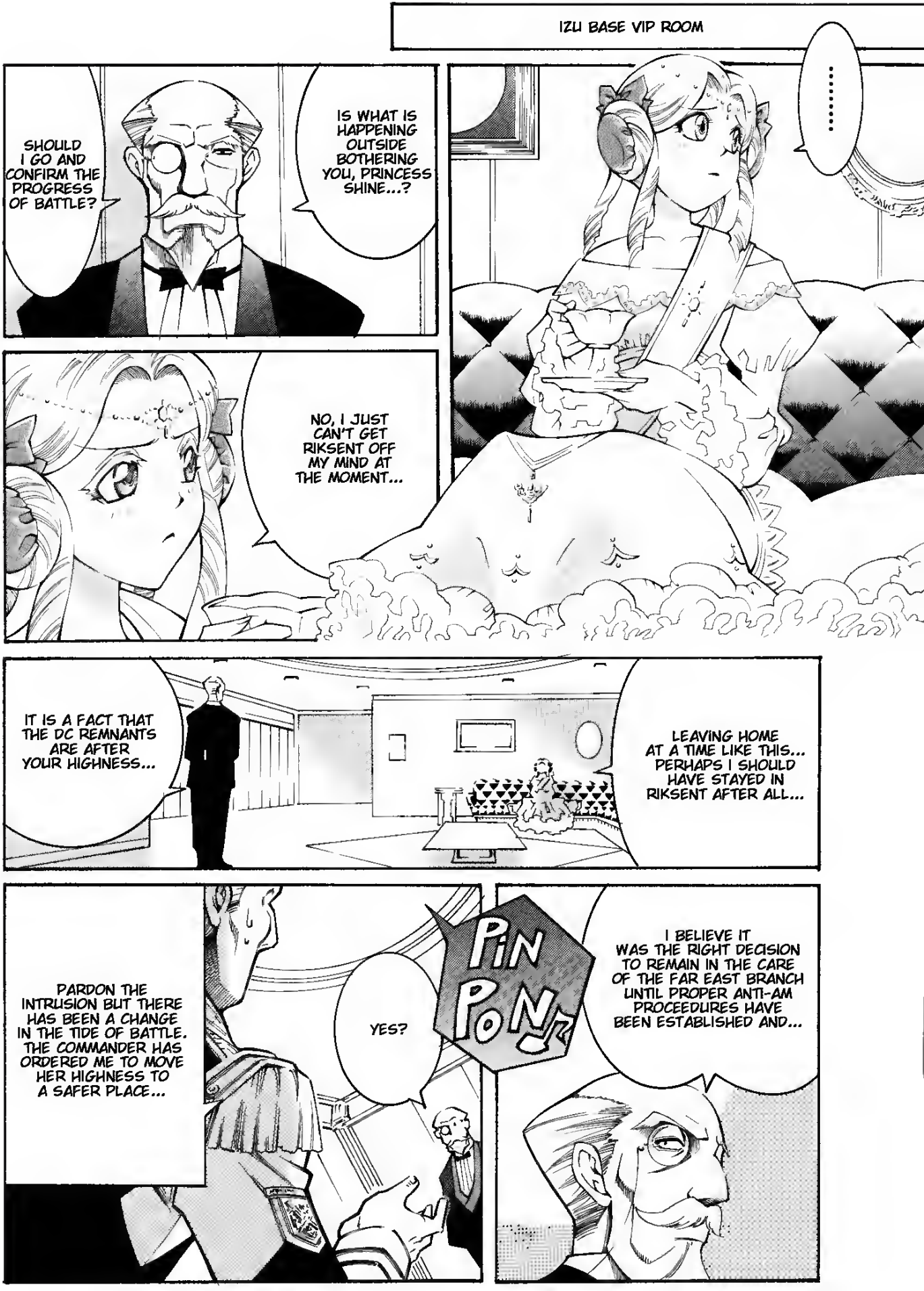

FAR EAST BRANCH
IZU BASE
THE ESW SIGNAL ABOVE BEIJING IS EXPANDING!
CARRIER KIMCHAEK HAS BEEN SUNK!
ENEMY UNITS CONFIRMED AS FAR AS NINGXIA! AREA OF OPERATIONS IS EXPANDING!
WE CAN'T WIN...
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE ...
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT THEM...!?
SUCH AN OVERWHELMING FORCE OF INVADERS...
HUMANITY IS DOOMED...
IF IT CONTINUES LIKE THIS...


IZU BASE VIP ROOM
SHOULD I GO AND CONFIRM THE PROGRESS OF BATTLE?
IS WHAT IS HAPPENING OUTSIDE BOTHERING YOU, PRINCESS SHINE...?
.....
NO, I JUST CAN'T GET RIKSENT OFF MY MIND AT THE MOMENT...
IT IS A FACT THAT THE DC REMNANTS ARE AFTER YOUR HIGHNESS...
LEAVING HOME AT A TIME LIKE THIS... PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN RIKSENT AFTER ALL...
PARDON THE INTRUSION BUT THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE TIDE OF BATTLE. THE COMMANDER HAS ORDERED ME TO MOVE HER HIGHNESS TO A SAFER PLACE...
YES?
PIN PON
I BELIEVE IT WAS THE RIGHT DECISION TO REMAIN IN THE CARE OF THE FAR EAST BRANCH UNTIL PROPER ANTI-AM PROCEEDURES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND...

PLEASE WAIT WHILE I CONFIRM WITH COMMANDER LAKER THEN...
I SEE... WE HAVE YET TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT THIS MATTER...
BANG
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JOYCE!!
PLEASE MAKE HASTE, PRINCESS SHINE!
THIS IS A STATE OF EMERGENCY!

Q3, YOU HAVE NOT BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO TAKE OFF! PLEASE AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS!
MYOUKOU HAS ENTERED DOCK 3!
MAJOR KAI'S SQUAD HAS RETURNED!
ONE WITH SEVERE INJURIES, TWO WITH LIGHT! E.R. STAFF ON THEIR WAY!
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TWO MORE FLOWER CLASS SHIPS HAVE APPEARED!
TWO MORE LARGE SCALE ESW CONFIRMED ABOVE BEIJING!
I REPEAT, Q3, YOU HAVE NOT BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO TAKE OFF!
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BEIJING
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MORE CARRIER CLASS SHIPS ON TOP OF THE NEW HUMANIOD TYPES... WHY NOW...!?
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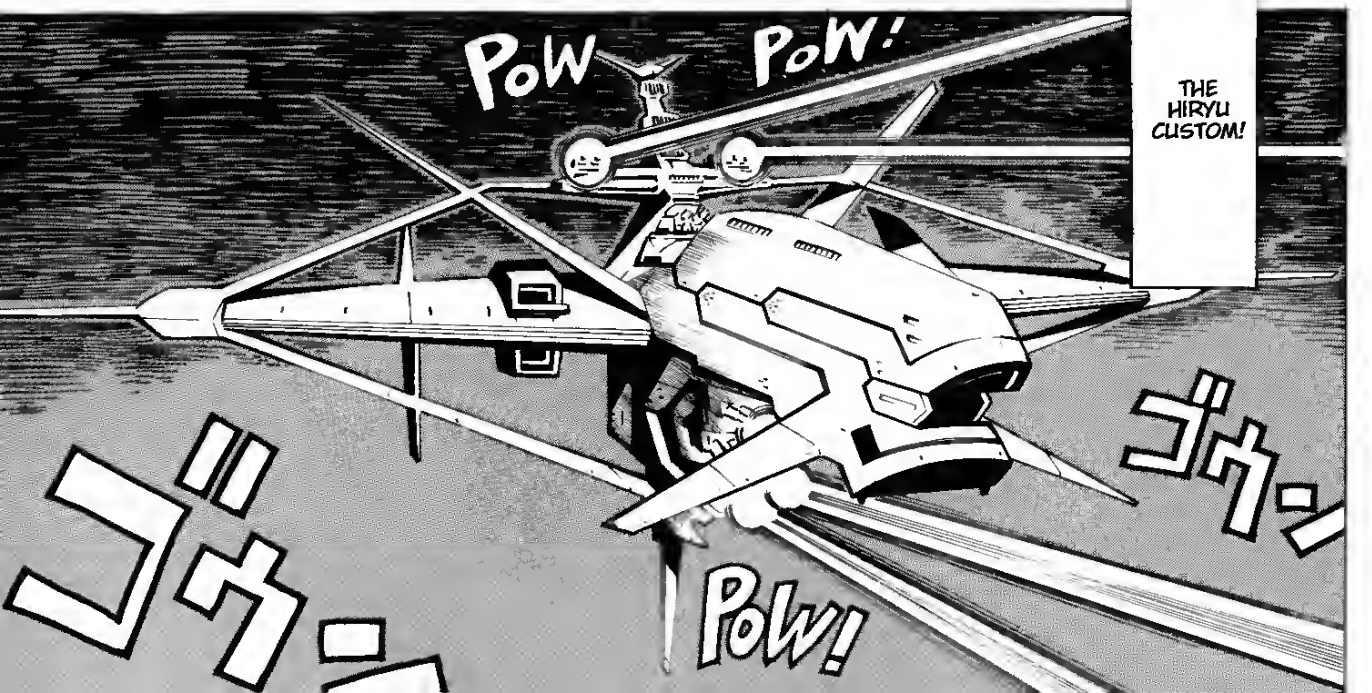
POW
POW!
THE HIRYU CUSTOM!
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POW!

IS THE FIELD COMMANDER OF THE MOBILE UNITS MAJOR INGRAM?! THE MARKER SAYS TH-...!
STEEL 2, THIS IS DRAGON 2!
WE WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT! GATHER YOUR MOBILE UNITS AND RETREAT!
HE'S AN ENEMY!!
MAJOR INGRAM IN THE R-GUN HAS SWITCHED SIDES!
LT. COLONEL LEFINA!
EH!?
INGRAM, SHOULD WE BEGIN TO COLLECT THE CLASS GIBOL SAMPLES?
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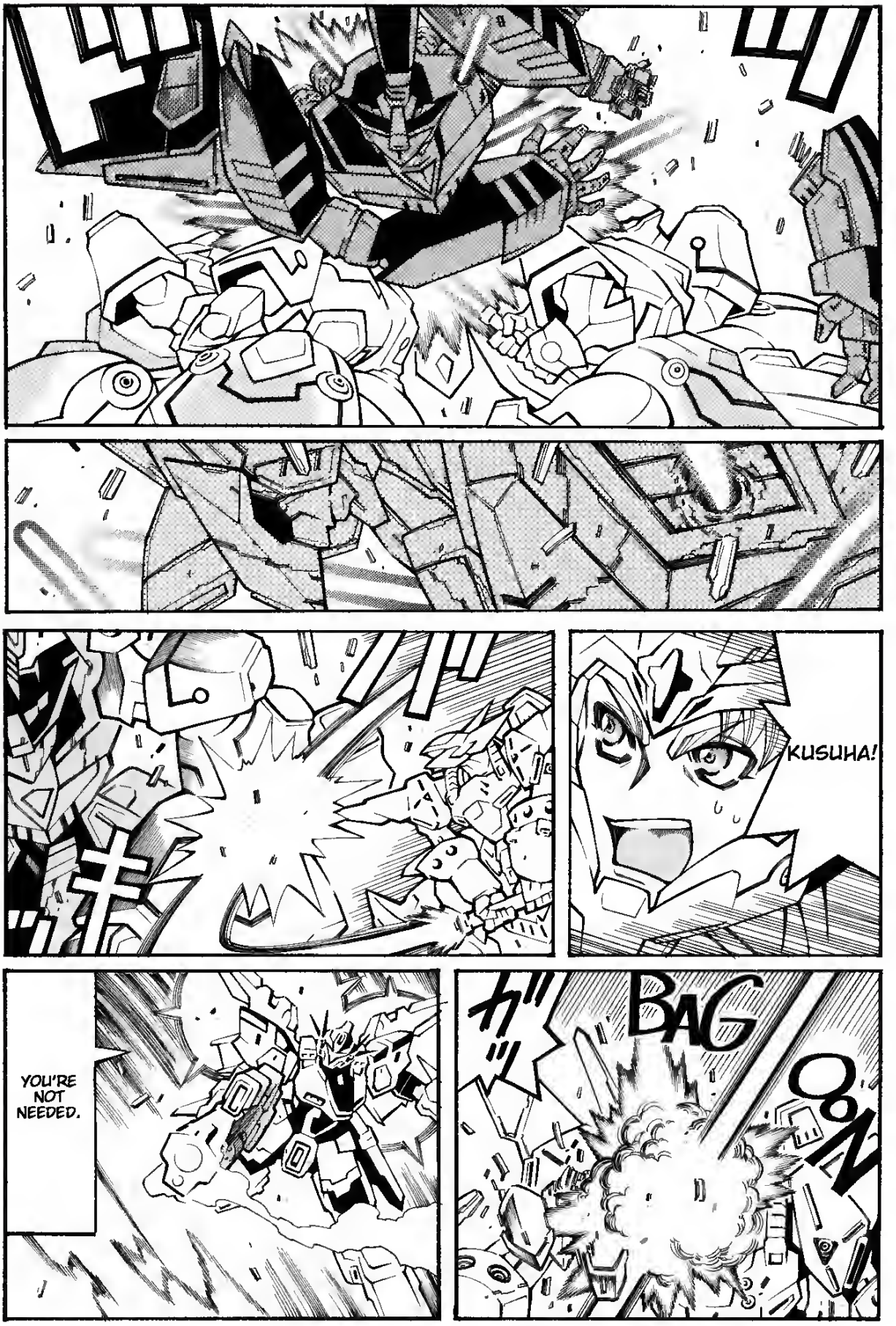
OH, IT'S YOU...
NO, NOT YET. THEY STILL HAVE ROOM FOR GROWTH.
HOWEVER, LET'S COLLECT A FEW UNIQUE SAMPLES...
FIRST, AN UPPER CLASS PSYCHODRIVE COMPONENT...
AH!?


KUSUHA!
YOU'RE NOT NEEDED.
BAG
ON

BULLET!
TCH!
VWOOOOM
COMMANDER CLASS...?
A HUMA-NOID...

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THIS GUY...
HIS MOVEMENTS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...!
WHAT IS THIS!?
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GRAAA-AAAH!
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YOU'RE IN THE WAY.
MOVE.
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キシッ!!
LIEU ...
LT. EXCELLEN...
SILLY BOY...
PLAN THESE THINGS OUT BEFORE CHARGING AHEAD...
CONVE-NIENT.
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MOVE...
OR I'LL CRUSH YOU.
THIS SOUND ...
TYPE T ...
WAIT, INGRAM!!!
INGRAM PRISKEN !!!

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WE'VE GOT THE SAMPLES. LET'S GO.
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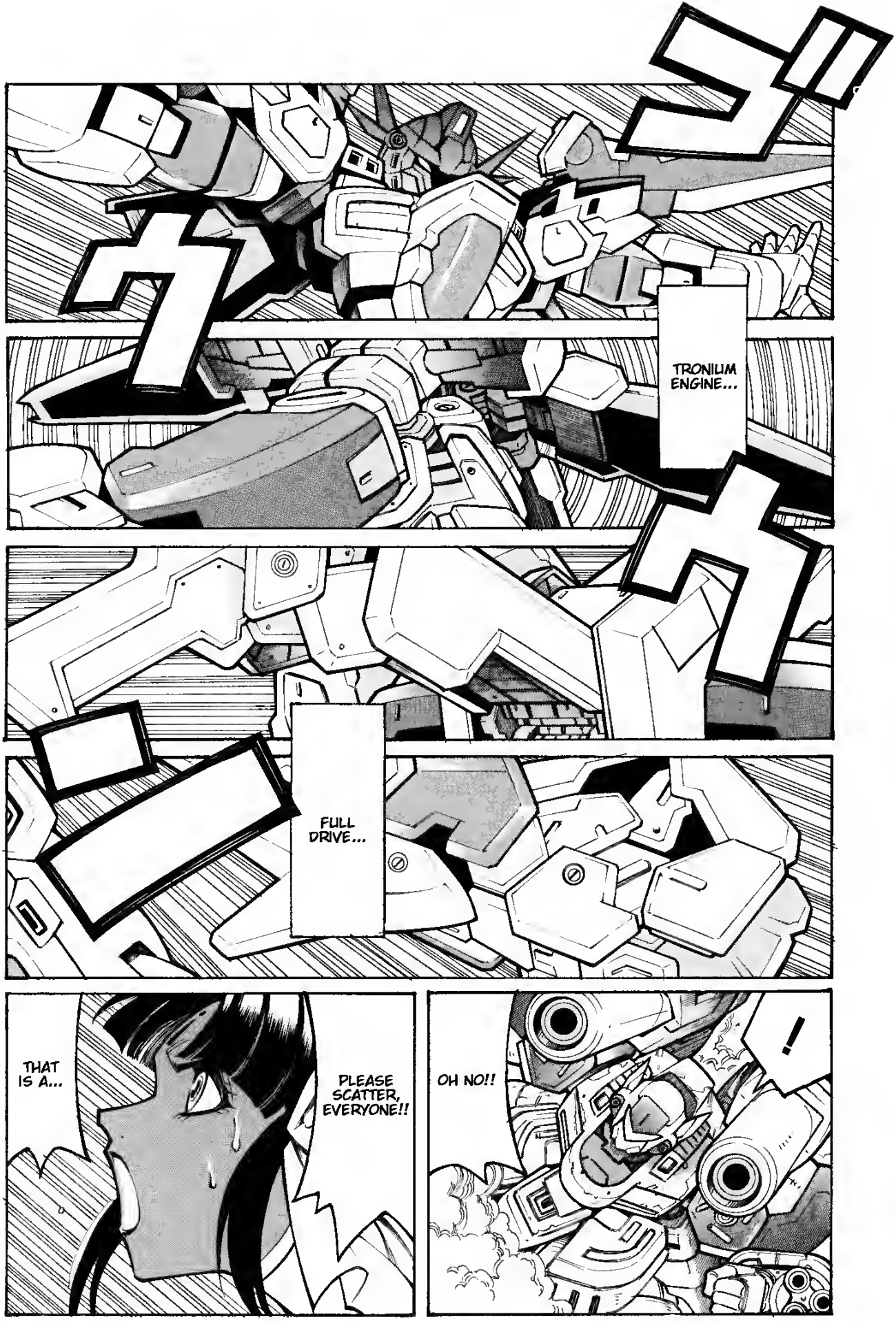
HEH...
R-GUN, METAL GENOCIDER MODE...


TRONIUM ENGINE...
FULL DRIVE...
THAT IS A...
PLEASE SCATTER, EVERYONE!!
OH NO!!
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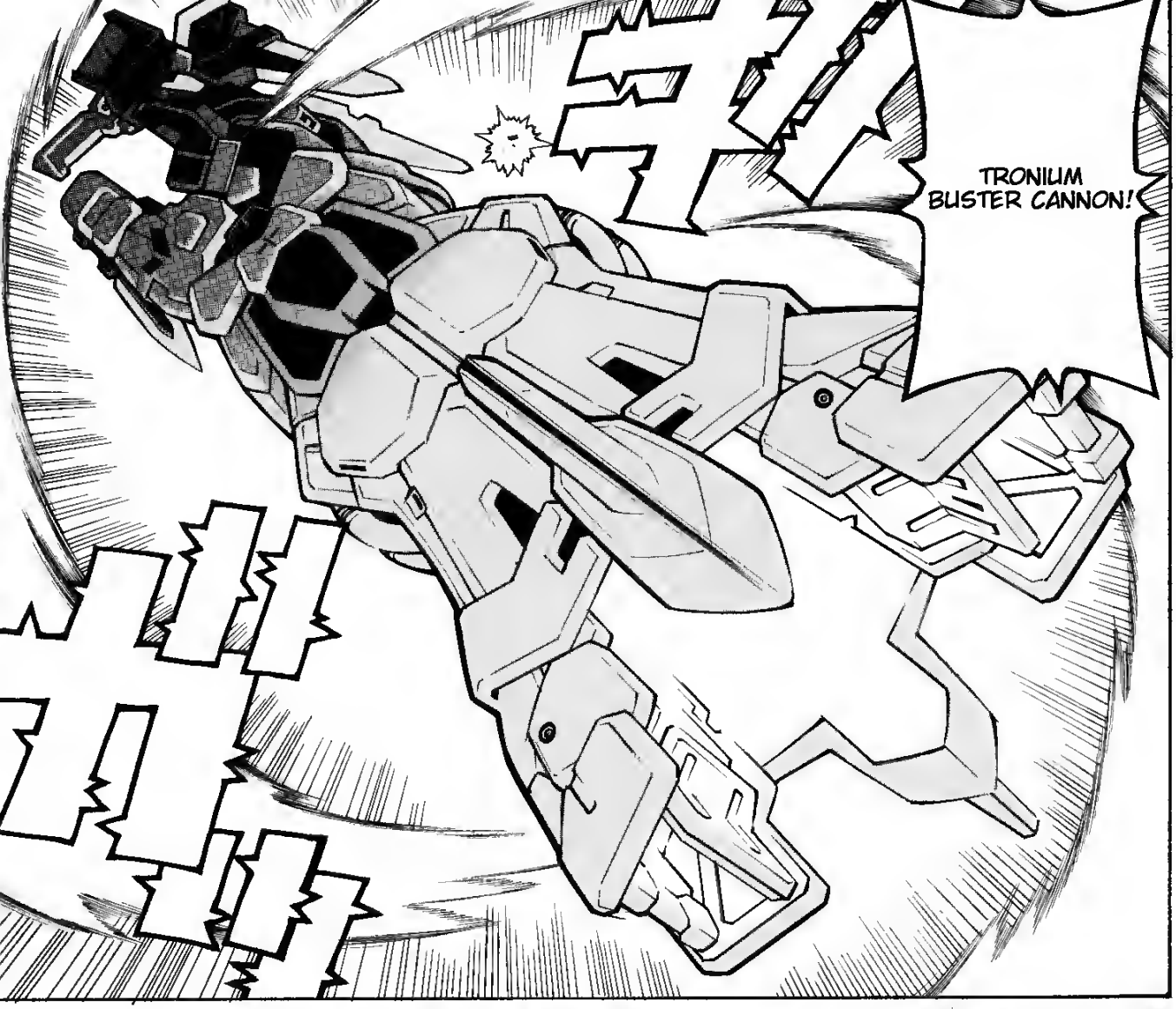
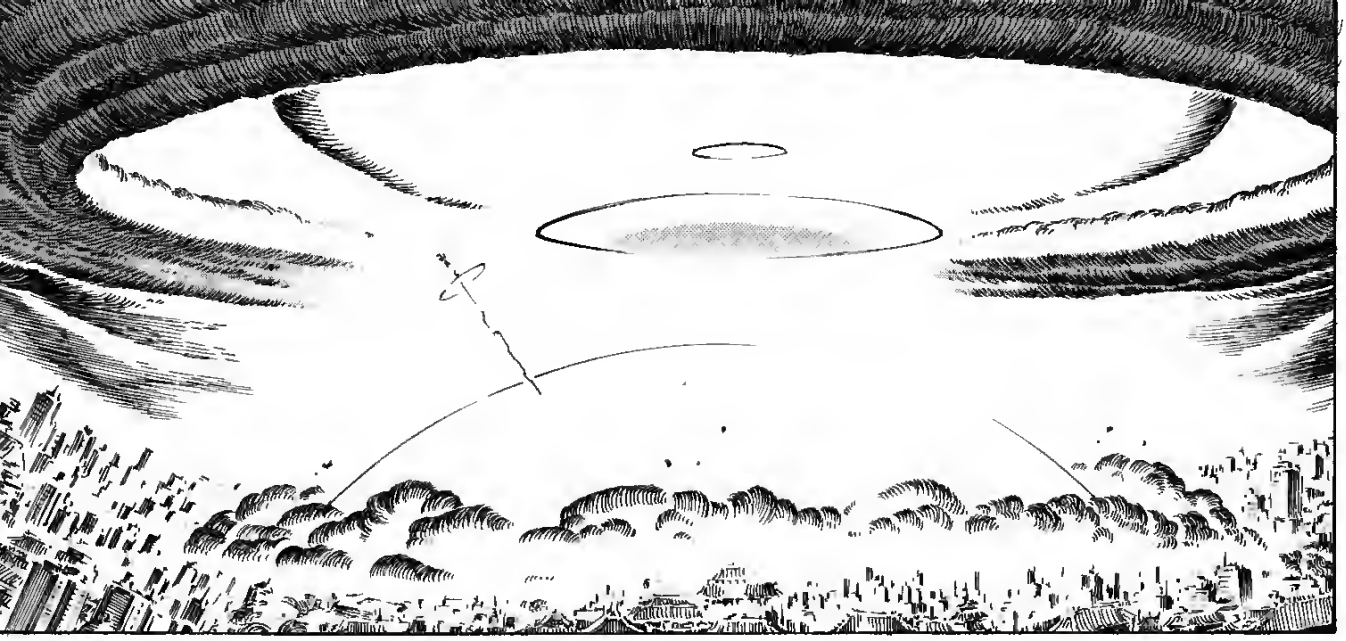
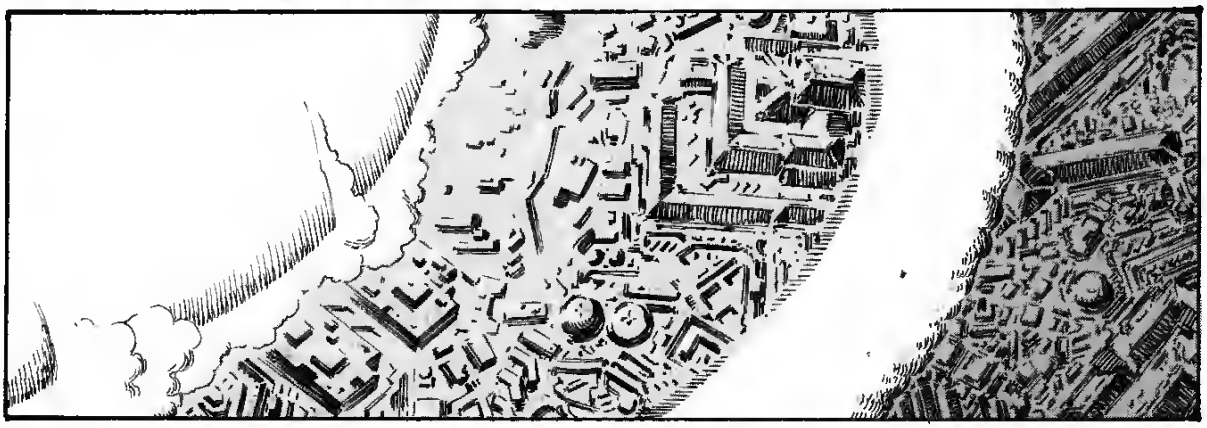
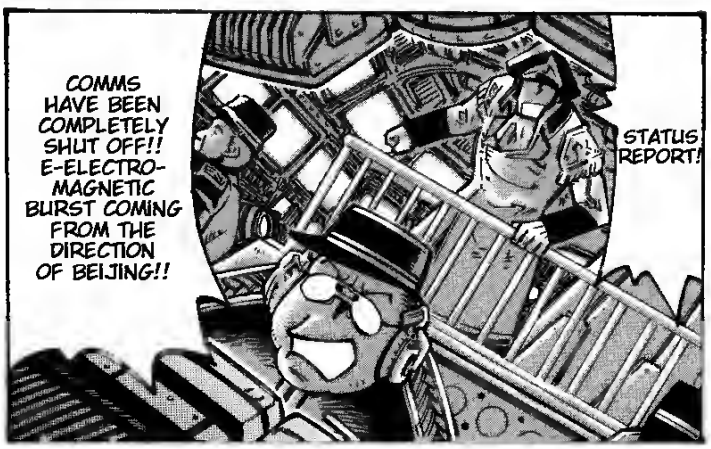

TRONIUM
BUSTER CANNON!

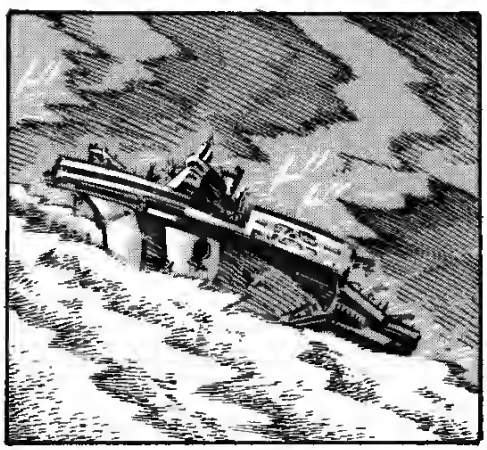
DEAD END
SHOOT...

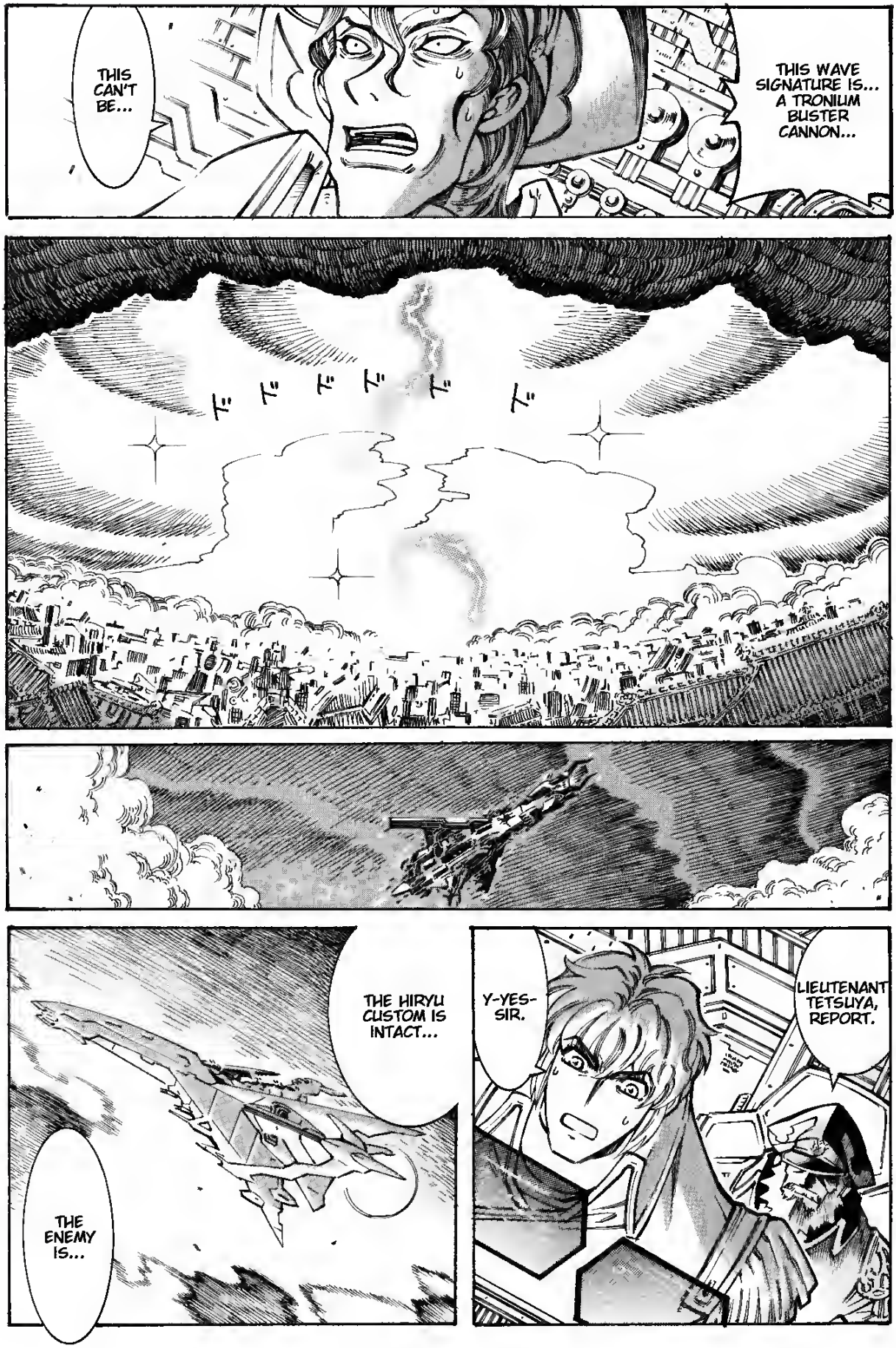
GGNNNHG!!






COMMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY SHUT OFF!! E-ELECTRO-MAGNETIC BURST COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF BEIJING!!
STATUS REPORT!




THIS CAN'T BE...
THIS WAVE SIGNATURE IS... A TRONIUM BUSTER CANNON...
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LIEUTENANT TETSUYA, REPORT.
Y-YES-SIR.
THE HIRYU CUSTOM IS INTACT...
THE ENEMY IS...

GONE...
THE BUGS, THE HUMANOIDS, THE CARRIER SHIPS, EVERYONE...
AND THE R-GUN...?
THERE IS NOT A TRACE OF IT...
ALONG WITH THE GRUNGUST TYPE 2 AND THE WEISSRITTER ...
DRIP
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DRIP

UH...
AH...
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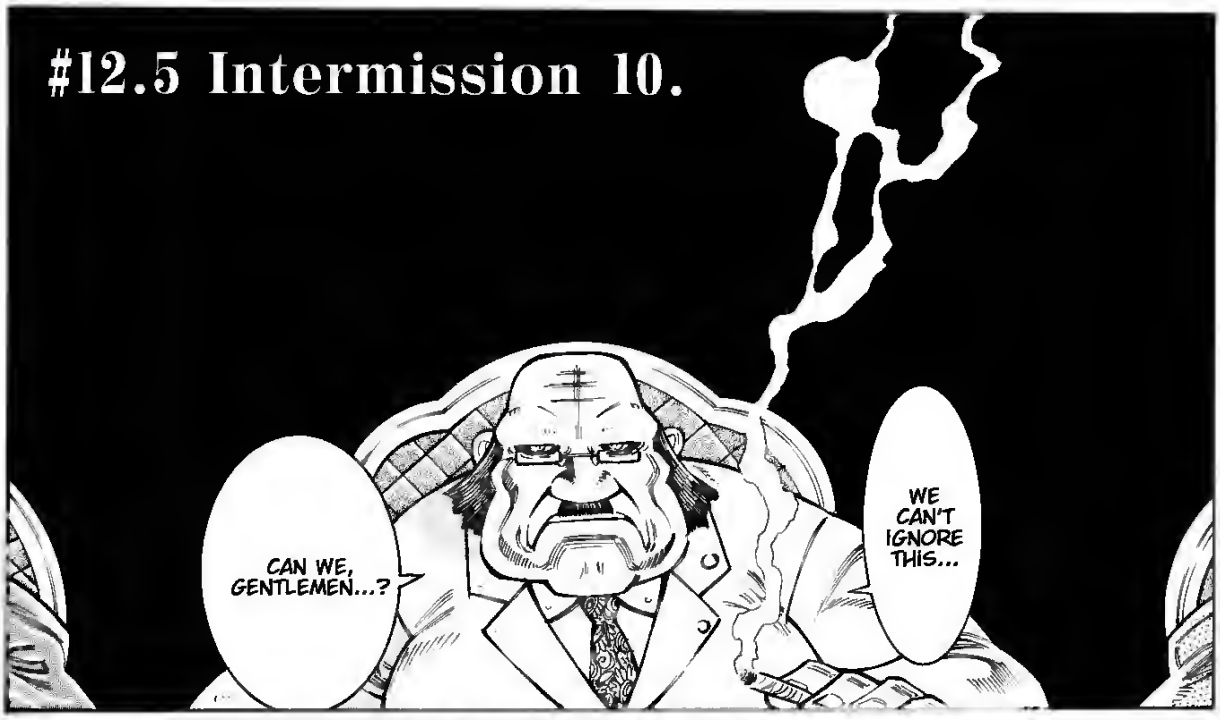
#12.5 Intermission 10.

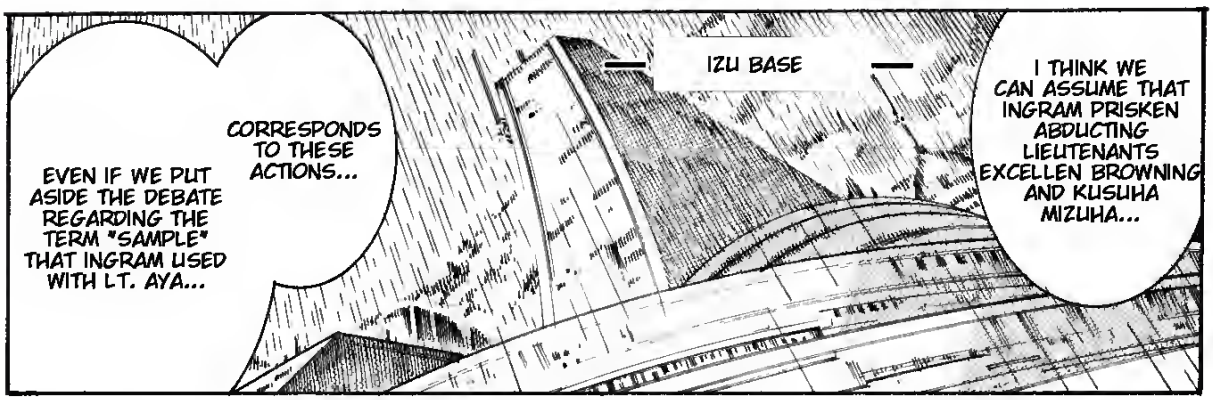


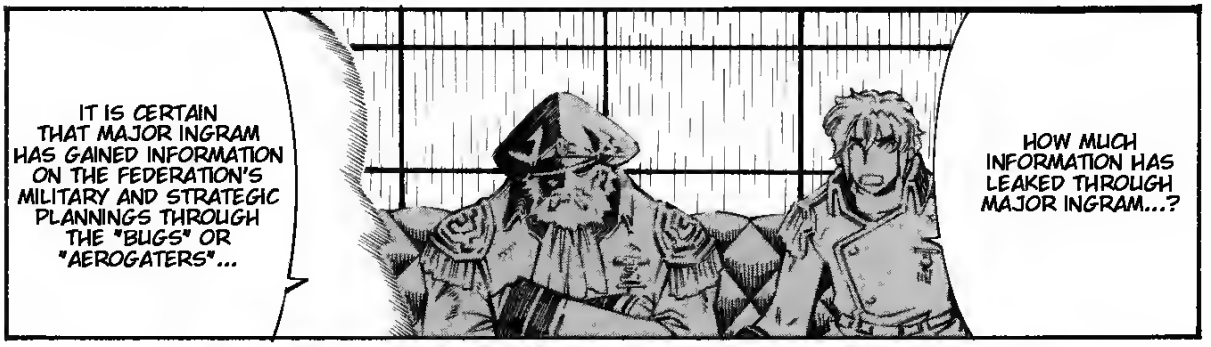
INGRAM PRISKEN HAS BEEN ON THE SRX PROJECT STAFF SINCE THE BEGINNING...
EVEN WHEN GOING THROUGH RECORDS WITH NO POSSIBILITY OF FALSIFICATION...

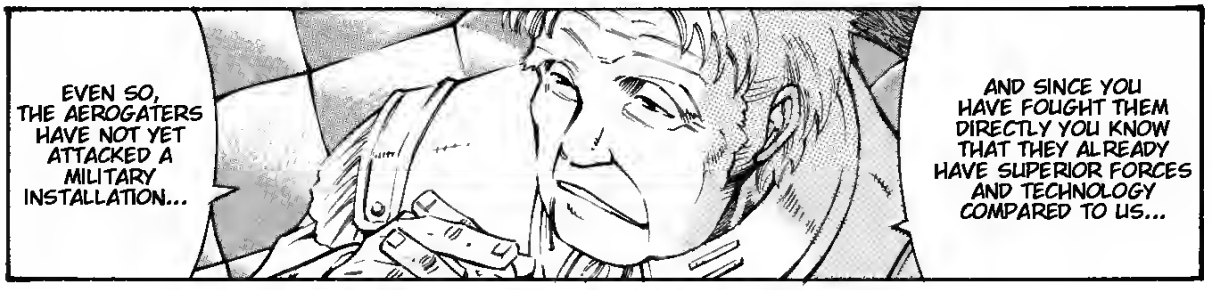
IF WE TAKE THE T-LINK SYSTEM, THAT INGRAM WAS SO PERSISTENT ABOUT, INTO ACCOUNT THEN SUSPICION ALSO FALLS ON DR. KENZOU KOBAYASHI.
WE MUST HAVE THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE LOOK IN TO IT...
I GUESS WE SHOULD ASSUME THAT THE ENTIRE SRX PROJECT ITSELF IS ONE BIG BOOBY TRAP...

IF WE START BRINGING SIDE PROJECTS INTO THIS THERE WILL BE NO END TO THIS, WE WOULD HAVE TO START FROM THE FIRST EOT ANALYSIS...
DID INGRAM ESCAPE WITH ONE OF THE TRONIUM EQUIPPED SRX PROJECT UNITS...?
DEALING WITH KENZOU KOBAYASHI MEANS DEALING WITH THE BRAIN RESEARCH LABS AND THE SCHOOL. CARELESSLY BRINGING THOSE INTO THE LIGHT MIGHT MAKE PEOPLE START POINTING FINGERS AT THE CURRENT BOARD OF EXECUTIVES...

WE CAN LEAVE THAT TO THE MILITARY'S INTERNAL INVESTIGATION. WHAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON IS BUT ONE THING...
THAT IS OF NO MAJOR CONCERN... TRONIUM WAS FOUND INSIDE OF METEOR 3 IN THE FIRST PLACE. I WOULD SAY THAT THE T-LINK SYSTEM HAS A MUCH HIGHER LIKELYHOOD OF BEING A TRAP...
THAT MEANS THE "AEROGATERS" ARE A LIFEFORM WE CAN HAVE A DIALOG WITH...
IF WE ARE TO TRUST THE REPORT THAT INGRAM PRISKEN WAS AN "ALIEN"...
THAT'S OUR JOBS AS POLITICIANS. OTHERWISE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE ARMY'S CONTROL AFTER THE WAR.
BESIDES, THEY AREN'T THE SAME AS THE "GUESTS" AT THE SOUTH POLE CEREMONY...
DO YOU THINK WE COULD OPEN A LINE OF COMMUNICATION WITH AN INVADER THAT HAS YET TO EVEN SPEAK WITH US?
AGAINST THOSE DAMN INSECTS...?
YOU REALLY THINK THERE WILL BE AN "AFTER THE WAR"?
THAT THE BUGS ARE CAPTURING SOME OF OUR PILOTS...
WE HAVE CONFIRMED IT OUTSIDE OF THE BEIJING AREA AS WELL...


IZU BASE
I THINK WE CAN ASSUME THAT INGRAM PRISKEN ABDUCTING LIEUTENANTS EXCELLEN BROWNING AND KUSUHA MIZUHA...
CORRESPONDS TO THESE ACTIONS...
EVEN IF WE PUT ASIDE THE DEBATE REGARDING THE TERM "SAMPLE" THAT INGRAM USED WITH LT. AYA...


HOW MUCH INFORMATION HAS LEAKED THROUGH MAJOR INGRAM...?
IT IS CERTAIN THAT MAJOR INGRAM HAS GAINED INFORMATION ON THE FEDERATION'S MILITARY AND STRATEGIC PLANNINGS THROUGH THE "BUGS" OR "AEROGATERS"...


AND SINCE YOU HAVE FOUGHT THEM DIRECTLY YOU KNOW THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE SUPERIOR FORCES AND TECHNOLOGY COMPARED TO US...
EVEN SO, THE AEROGATERS HAVE NOT YET ATTACKED A MILITARY INSTALLATION...

ADD THAT TO THEIR ABDUCTING OF OUR PILOTS AND IT WILL MOST LIKELY LEAD US TO UNDERSTANDING THEIR GOAL...
BUT WE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO STOP TO DWELL ON IT...
IS REAR ADMIRAL NORMAN SUGGESTING A COUNTER ATTACK OPERATION?

IT'S QUITE ALRIGHT. GOOD WORK ON JOINING THE BATTLE RIGHT AFTER YOU CAME BACK FROM SPACE, ONLY STOPPING BY HEADQUARTERS, LT. COLONEL LEFINA...
OH, AND...

EXCUSE ME, I AM SORRY I AM LATE!

MAJOR GILLIAM.
I WAS NEVER ONE TO SETTLE DOWN IN ONE PLACE...
ABOUT PRINCESS SHINE...
RAI...

I HEARD ...
IT WAS HANS WEBER'S DOING...
DO YOU THINK HANS AND INGRAM ARE CONNECTED IN THIS...?
HONESTLY, NOT REALLY...
I DON'T THINK HE HAS THE GUTS TO JOIN SIDES WITH A BUNCH OF ALIENS ...
BY WHY GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF ABDUCTING THE PRINCESS...?
WELL...
I BELIEVE IT'S BECAUSE HER MIND IS SPECIAL ...
MS. RADHA?
WHAT?
THE PRINCESS HAS A SPECIAL PRECOGNITIVE ABILITY...
IT WAS REGISTERED IN AN OLD FILE BELONGING TO THE MILITARY'S FORMER SPECIAL NEUROSCIENCE DEPARTMENT...
SHE WAS NEVER A DIRECT TEST SUBJECT, BUT THE HEAD RESEARCHER AT THE TIME WAS ADLER KOCH, SO MOST LIKELY...
HANS HAS JOINED WITH THE DC REMNANTS...

MAJOR GILLIAM...
WE WILL GET THE ANSWERS WHEN WE HAVE ANALYZED HANS WEBER'S PERSONAL PASSCODE...
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HOW IS LT. AYA?
I'M SORRY BUT WE HAVE MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS AT HAND...
BUT SHE HASN'T SHOWN ANY SIGNS OF WAKING UP YET...
THEY CAN'T FIND ANY DAMAGE DONE EITHER EXTERNALLY NOR ON HER MIND...
SHE WAS JUST MOVED TO THE SRX PROJECT'S LABORATORY ...
AND THE R-3 HAS PLENTY OF SPARE PARTS SO IT'S POSSIBLE TO REPAIR IT...
THE ATTACK DIDN'T HIT THE COCKPIT BLOCK SO HER LIFE ISN'T IN ANY DANGER FROM EXTERNAL WOUNDS...
I HEARD THAT INGRAM TRIED TO DESTROY THE R-3 WHEN HE DEFECTED?
SO WE WILL HAVE TO LEAVE AYA TO THE HEAD RESEARCHER, HER FATHER, KENZOU KOBAYASHI...
I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS FROM THE BACK RUSH OF THE DAMAGE TO THE R-3 OR THE T-LINK SYSTEM OVERLOADING...

AND LT. RYUSEI...?
BOTH LT. EXCELLEN ...
AND KUSUHA ...
I'M SORRY ...
IT'S ALL MY FAULT...
WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE INGRAM'S TRUE NATURE...?
IF I HADN'T SCREWED UP THE COMBI-NATION...
OR WOULD THAT JUST HAVE POSTPONED THE INEVITABLE...?
MAINTENANCE IS FALLING BEHIND, RETURN TO THE HANGAR.
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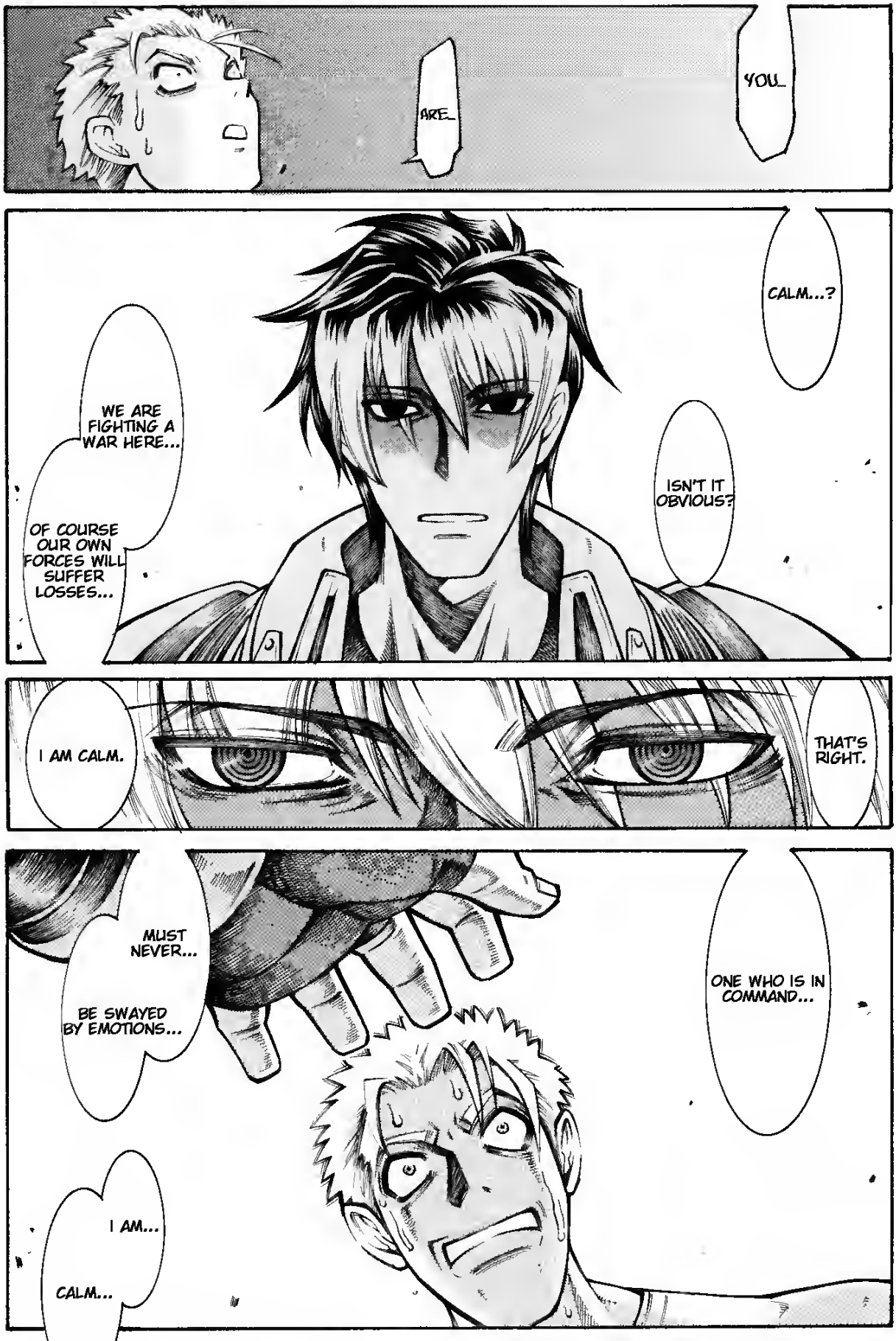
BULLET.
LT. RYUSEI.

LIEUTENANT KYOUSUKE...
COULD YOU WAIT...
JUST A BIT...
BULLET ...
LIEU-TENANT ...
I'M...
TOO INEXPE-RIENCED ...
EVEN IF I GOT BACK OUT ON THE BATTLEFIELD I WOULD JUST GET IN EVERYONE'S WAY...
DYING ON THE BATTLEFIELD IS YOUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY...
SO JUST FORGET ABOUT IT...
AND DO YOUR JOB.
I CAN'T JUST FORGET ABOUT IT!!
AND I CAN'T STAY AS CALM AS...!


YOU_
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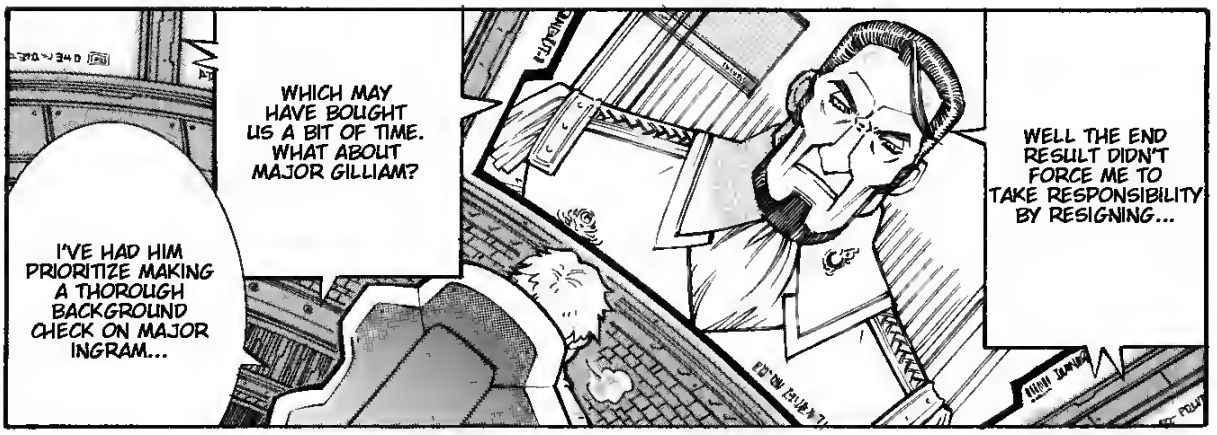
CALM...?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
WE ARE FIGHTING A WAR HERE...
OF COURSE OUR OWN FORCES WILL SUFFER LOSSES...
THAT'S RIGHT.
I AM CALM.
ONE WHO IS IN COMMAND...
MUST NEVER...
BE SWAYED BY EMOTIONS...
I AM...
CALM...

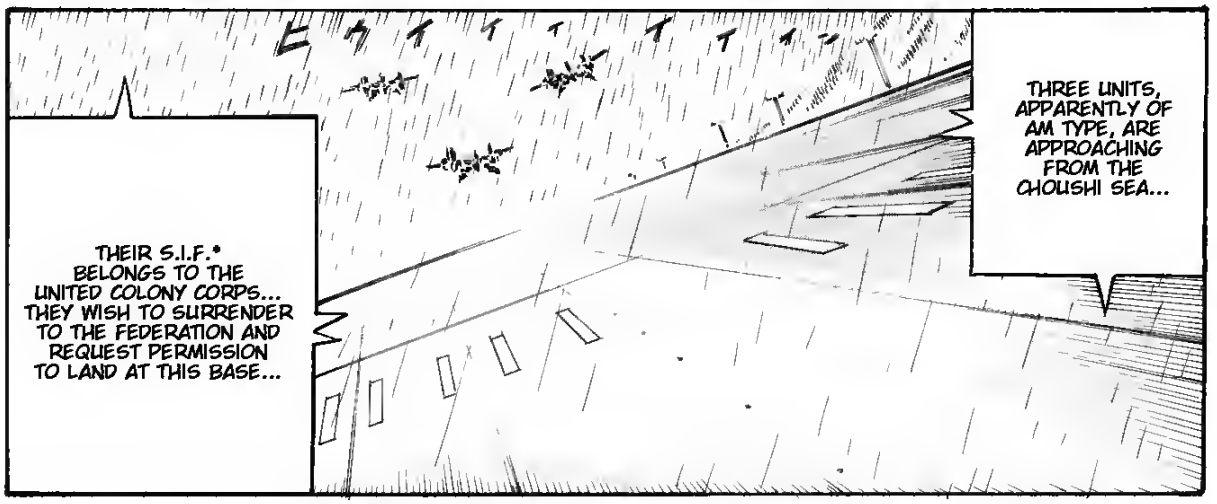
KYOU-SUKE!
DON'T TALK BACK TO KYOUSUKE RIGHT NOW...
BULLET.
WE'VE GOT SOME BUSINESS WITH RYUSEI. TAKE BULLET AND GO.
YES...
MAJOR GILLIAM, WHAT WAS THIS ABOUT?
SO...
THESE ARE ORDERS FROM FEDERATION HEADQUARTERS...
LT. RYUSEI, LT. RAIDIESE...

THE R-SERIES ARE TO BE SEALED...
THE SRX PROJECT IS TO BE PUT ON ICE...
I'M SORRY BUT I WILL HAVE TO RESTRAIN YOU...
AND YOU TWO WILL BE PUT UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE OF US, THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION...
KARL SCHTLESEMAN, EH...?
THE LOBBYING OF THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE EOT COUNCIL SEEMS TO BE EFFECTIVE...
AT A TIME LIKE THIS...?
THE FEDERATION PARLIAMENT IS STUCK ON THE POLICY OF TRYING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE ENEMY...


I'VE HAD HIM PRIORITIZE MAKING A THOROUGH BACKGROUND CHECK ON MAJOR INGRAM...
WHICH MAY HAVE BOUGHT US A BIT OF TIME. WHAT ABOUT MAJOR GILLIAM?
WELL THE END RESULT DIDN'T FORCE ME TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY BY RESIGNING...

WE CAN'T INCLUDE A PROJECT WHICH INVOLVED INGRAM PRISKEN...
WON'T THE LAST PHASE OF OPERATION SRW BE DIFFICULT WITHOUT THE SRX PROJECT?

DEPENDING ON MAJOR GILLIAM'S INVESTIGATION THEY MAY BE SPARED PUNISHMENT, AT LEAST FOR A TIME, BUT THEY WILL STILL BE TREATED WITH SUSPICION...
NOR PILOTS WHOM HE TRAINED...


THEIR S.I.F.* BELONGS TO THE UNITED COLONY CORPS... THEY WISH TO SURRENDER TO THE FEDERATION AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO LAND AT THIS BASE...
THREE UNITS, APPARENTLY OF AM TYPE, ARE APPROACHING FROM THE CHOUSHI SEA...

※Selective Identification Feature system.

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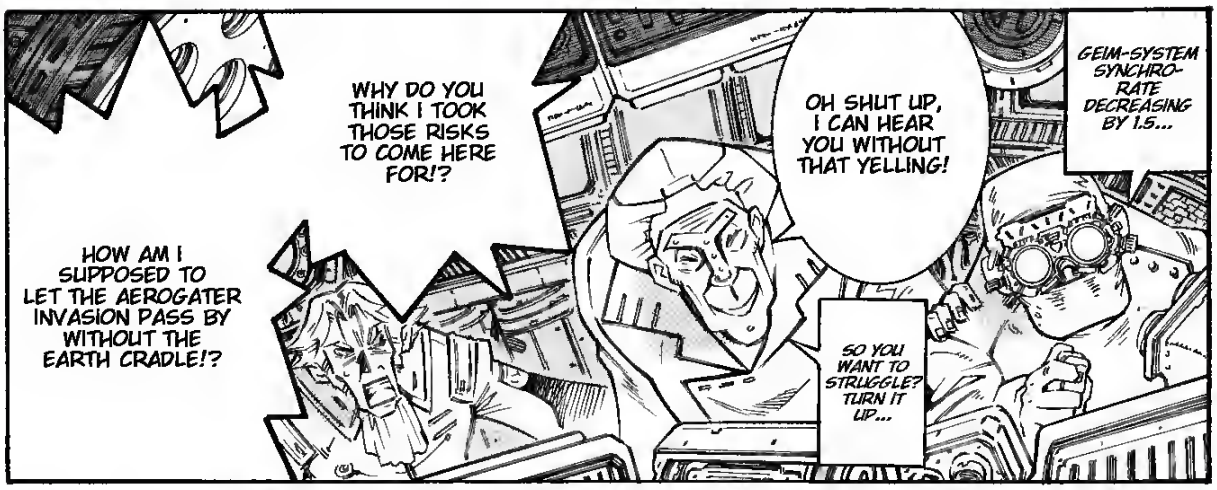
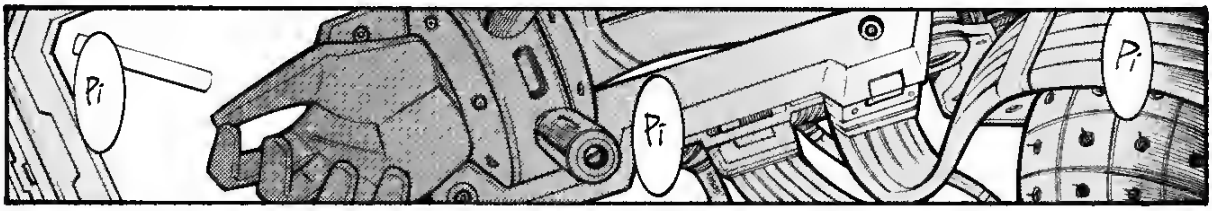
THAT'S WHERE THE DC REMNANTS ARE HIDING?
THE EARTH CRADLE...?
IT WAS DEVELOPED AND BUILT BY THE EOTI INSTITUTE UNDERGROUND IN AFRICA...
IT IS A SIMILAR CRYOGENIC FACILITY TO THE ONE CURRENTLY BEING BUILT ON THE MOON...
AS A STRONGHOLD IT CERTAINLY IS SOMETHING TO BE FEARED... THERE IS NOT REALLY MUCH WE CAN DO AGAINST IT...
OUTWARDLY IT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN CANCELED DURING ITS CONSTRUCTION, BUT A NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS HAVE RESUMED ITS BUILDING...

SO...
WHAT DO YOU WANT IN RETURN FOR ALL OF THIS...?
WE CAN GIVE YOU THE MOST LIKELY ROUTE HE WILL TAKE.
THAT IS OF NO MOMENT. ADLER PLANS TO MAKE USE OF THE AEROGATER'S ATTACK TO TAKE OVER GENEVA...
LIEUTENANT LEONA GARSTEIN?
THAT WE, THE TROYE UNIT, ARE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ATTACK!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?
THE EARTH CRADLE'S CRYO-FACILITY DOESN'T WORK!?


HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO LET THE AEROGATER INVASION PASS BY WITHOUT THE EARTH CRADLE!?
WHY DO YOU THINK I TOOK THOSE RISKS TO COME HERE FOR!?
OH SHUT UP, I CAN HEAR YOU WITHOUT THAT YELLING!
GEIM-SYSTEM SYNCHRO-RATE DECREASING BY 1.5...
SO YOU WANT TO STRUGGLE? TURN IT UP...

SOUTHERN AFRICA, WITHIN THE EARTH CRADLE.



WITHIN THE SHIP GRAY STORK, ADLER KOCH'S LABORATORY.

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PROTECTING AN EARTH OR TWO UNDER MY CHARGE WILL BE NO CHALLENGE AT ALL!
WITH THE APPROPRIATE MATERIALS AND MY GENIUS...
THE COWERING FEDERATION CAN'T DO IT!!!
AND BIAN WHO WAS DROWNING IN IDEALS COULDN'T EITHER!!
BUT I CAN!!!
RAIDIE...
SIR...
S...

I AM ADDING YOUR UNIT TO THE NEXT TRANSPORT SQUAD GOING TO THE SURFACE...
LT. LEONA...
.....
MAJOR LILY, YOU TOO SHOULD ...
WHEN YOU GET OUTSIDE, DO WHATEVER YOU THINK NEEDS TO BE DONE...
LT. LEONA, LOOK AT THAT...
.....
NO, I STILL HAVE SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO HERE...

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DON'T GET HUNG UP ON IT...
IT'S A MINOR THING IN FRONT OF THE BIG PICTURE...
IT WILL BE AWKWARD FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE WITH THAT...
GIGAN-SCUDO...
ARE YOU LADIES WITH THE TROYE UNIT!?
WOOHOOO!!
THOUGH IT IS A BIT UNSETTLING...
I HOPE WE WILL ALL GET ALONG!!
A UNIT FULL OF BEAUTIES HAS JOINED OUR SIDE!!!
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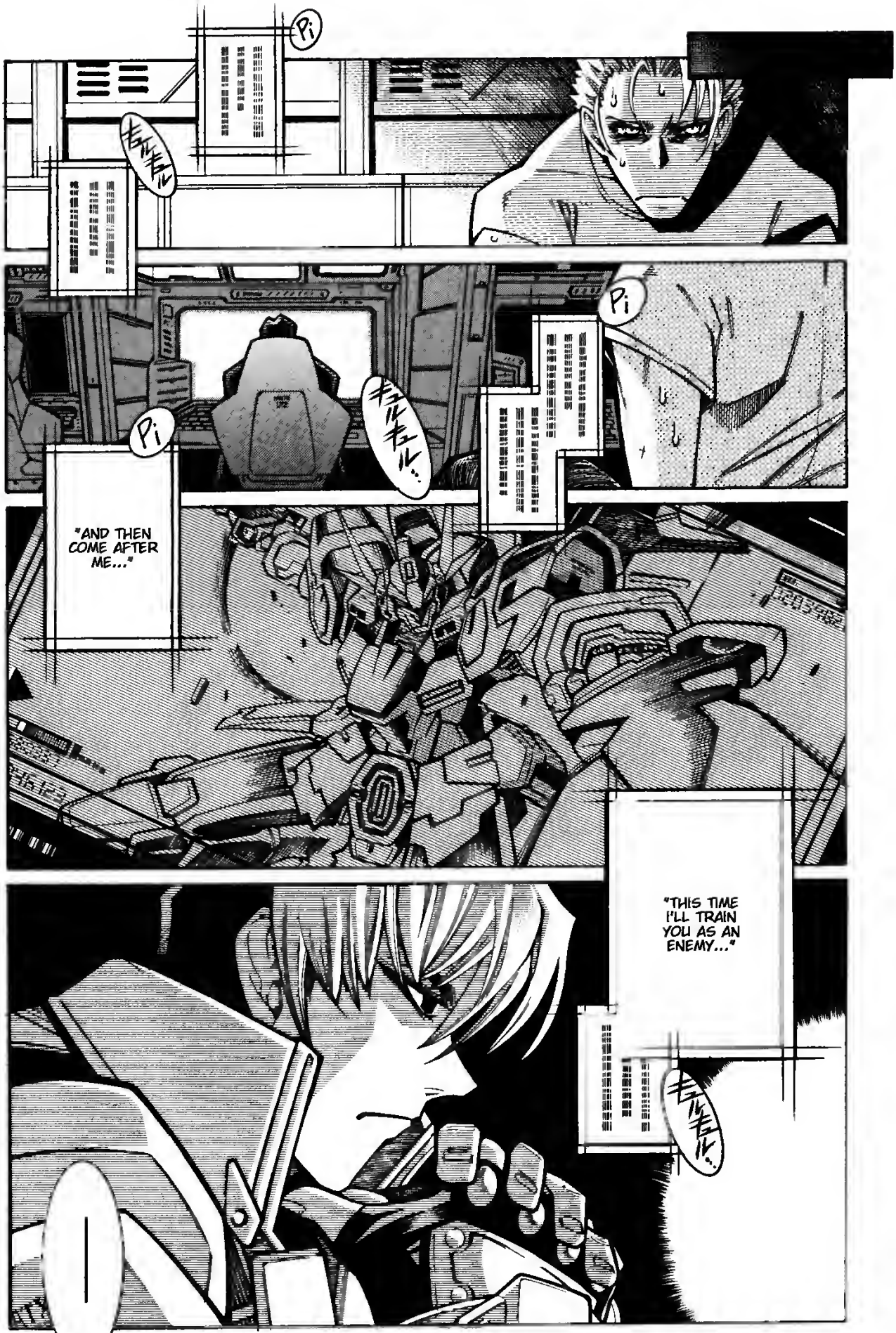
I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU!!
GET ALONG?
WE?

BOTH ME AND THIS GUY GLADLY RISK OUR MINDS AND BODIES TO SHIELD BEAUTIES LIKE YOU!
I'M TASUKU SHINGUUJI, THE GIGAN-SCUDO'S PILOT!
I UNDER-STAND NOW ...
HEY WHERE YOU GOING!? I THOUGHT I COULD SHOW YOU AROUND THE BASE!?
NEVER SPEAK TO US AGAIN.
THE REASON YOU COULD DO SOMETHING SO SHAMELESS AS BRINGING THE "ACCURSED SHIELD" ONTO THE BATTLEFIELD IS BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT SUCH A FRIVILOUS ATTITUDE...
I GOT TURNED DOWN...
OH MAN...



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あとがき

■という名目でページを用意されたものの毎度の如くそんな仕切な事を書ける気もしないので思い付いた事を書きつけておくとっちらかった散文に終始するページ。

■今巻からのエピソードはOG1における本筋である所のSRXチームがメインのお話になります。キョウスケルートを主眼に据えた本Record of ATXにおきましても流石にそこいらへんは変わりませんのでと自然リュウセイ君達の出番が増えます。しかるに さて、あたくしはSRXチームはどう運用してたのかしらとOG1のデータを見てみますとこんなんなってました。ブースターライフルとかなマゾナビームライフルに持たせるのは、細っこい機体には武骨な武器のかが似合う気がする、という個人的趣味によるものでしょう。前線へぶっこむためのメガブースターといいひっかけやすい取り込み役すねぇ。そもそもこの人、デフォルト装備でも遠近そつなくこなすマルチファイターだし、それに経歴もカスタムしないわよね。

OGsでは何気に貴重なお百合ペア。

射撃偏重に育てたイルムさんをデスラードライブと一緒に乗っけて空中戦車として運用さえしているガストランダーさんにもしんぱい、いたって原型のままと言えましょう。ああ……OG2まで行けばあの箱…レクタングルランチャー持たせられるのに……維党を組んでアの箱をぶん上げてばいばい言わせるPTの誕生が……。そおいだゲームぞはぼちぼち手に入る頃のシンオウブレードですが私はリオンに持たせるのは気に入りません。ガリオンともなく、リオン。あのぶきっちょそうなマニピュレータと流暢に手マを振り回しているのがたまりません。あー リオンの立体物が欲しいのう。ちなみにR-2にはコールドメタルナイフを持たせて、あのもっちい体で、ナイフを腹にかかえて構えておじきのかたさせ、とばかりに体ごと敵にぶつかる様を想像するとわくわくします。

■そんなこんなで、本作においてのコンセプト上、どうしてもワルを喰わせてしまう事になったかしら、ゴメンねリュウセイ君。せめても中扉カラーは君とR-2描くからね、と考えたのですが、よくよく考えたら、まだ本領発揮してないリュウセイ君を中扉にのせてもアレかなエピソード的に言ったらSRXチームのメインは今後だとアヤさんだよなぁ、と思い直してだばり そっちを描きました。ゴメン、リュウセイ君…君が輝くのはもうちょっと先だから。

まぁゲームだとキョウスケルートのSRXチームは、その、あの…「ああいう事になるんだけどさ……。きっと多分、おそらく大丈夫なんじゃないかなぁ。

SPECIAL COMMENT

八房龍之助先生!
単行本発売おめでとうございます!

……というわけで、㈱モノリスソフトの森住惣一郎と申します。
その昔、『スパロボ』に関わっておりまして、キョウスケやエクセレン
といったキャラを作らせていただきました。
そして『スパロボOG1』のキョウスケ編を、当時上司であった
寺田さんと一緒にヒーヒー言いながら書いてました(笑)

そんな私にとって、この『Record of ATX』シリーズは……
「思い出の結晶が"昇華"されたもの」と言えます。

ゲームという媒体では表現が難しい「空気感」というか「間」の
使い方が絶妙で、ゲームにはなかった漫画オリジナルの要素や展開も
うまく溶け込んでいると思います。
ゲームと漫画の奇跡のハイブリッド……これが面白くないわけがない!

個人的には、エクセレンが非常にエロかわいいのが素晴らしいです。
私が書いた彼女よりも艶やかな感じで、悪ノリも三割増し(笑)。
いいぞ、もっとやれ! もっと見せるんだ!(?)

私は『無限のフロンティア』シリーズなどで、どういう縁なのか、
いまだ『スパロボOG』シリーズに関わっております。
……八房先生、『OG』に関わると、長いつきあいになるぜ~?(笑)

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➔森住惣一郎様

に御寄稿いただきました。最の箱に置くだにおめしい中おけがとうございます。…と言田さんとか羽野様もどうぞ皆様寛容とよねぇ…色々言いたい事もあるはずでしょうた。えっと、その…今後ともよろしくお願いたします～。

■キョウスケとエクセレンを初めて見ましたのはCOMPACT2の時ですが、その時の印象がちょいと今までと違っていたのをよく覚えています。それはCOMPACTてなどIMPACTのシナリオセレクトシステムの特異性とか、非選択性固定Pとかであるが故のシナリオや他キャラとの距離感が来るものでもあるのでしょうが、何だか個人的に「しっくり」来るものがありました。

後年、アニメDW移植のコミカライズ企画で、どうしても言うんだったら多少漫画描かしたってもええでー」という話を編集のかたからいただいた時に、ぜは出来うればATXルートをこの為だけに描かせていただけんば…と返したは、正規ルートじゃなければ少々違和感に走っても怒られん回数は少しは減るかもしれない。という処置が計算もありましたが、往時のしっくり感が先に立っておったものと今にして思えば、多分おそらく、そうなんじゃないかなー。と。

■キョウスケとエクセレンは大人です。この代だからとかいう年齢的問題ではなく、互いの寄って立つ指針をがっちり固定されているキャラです。そういう意味ぜは変化、はしても成長、はしない人妻かもしれません。自分の進むべき方向に迷わない人妻なのです。表面温度こそ違えど、エクセレンだってキョウスケと近似の存在者でしょう。表層がふわふわしてるからってその中にどんよりガチガチのカタマリが潜んでいるかはわからないものぜはないのです。こういうタイプにうかり足を踏み込むと、足を踏まれて動きを止められてから肝臓に重いパンチ、痛い、苦しいパンチを喰らってから外にポイ出されるのです。間違いないのです。女は女性ぜはないのです。妖怪なのです。すげえだキョウスケ小隊!

■そんなイメージ。私の中のキョウスケとエクセレンは。なので、お話の中ぜは動いてくれない、という事はないのです。おかげさまで3巻まで出せました。出来うれば、この、私の脳内スパロボのような宮様への脳内のそれに近くて楽しめるお話であります事を祈りつつ。

川岡献治 拝.

四折ぜ、もっと見せろというのは何の事ぜしょう森住サマ?
伝え聞く御趣味による所の黒いパンツをもっと見せろとそういう事なのでしょうか?

DENGEKI COMICS

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